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BENGALURU
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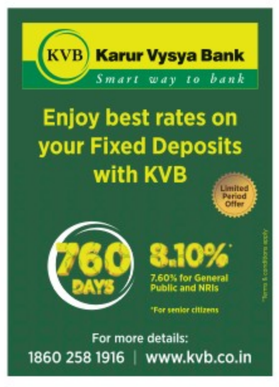

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SC to examine if Governors are 'subverting' federalism

Top court's decision comes on a petition by Kerala over the Governor sitting on crucial Bills and eventually referring them to the President, who acts on the aid and advice of the Union Cabinet

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to examine if Governors, by indefinitely sitting on crucial Bills only to eventually refer them to the President who solely acts on the advice of the Centre, are opening the doors for Union interference in the legislative domain of States, thereby subverting federalism.

The decision of the court to intervene came in a petition filed by the State of Kerala which brought into focus the role of its Governor, who kept Bills pending for two years before reserving seven of them for the consideration of the President, who has no discretion and entirely depends on the aid and advice of the Centre.

> The machinations of the Governor saw the Centre take decisions on issues exclusively coming within the ambit of the State's legislative domain
> **STATE OF KERALA IN THE SC**

The President had subsequently withheld consent to four though none of the seven Bills had dealt with Centre-State relations.

Withholding assent

Kerala, represented by senior advocates K.K. Venugopal, Jaideep Gupta and advocate C.K. Sasi, said the Governor should have returned the Bills, which dealt with amendments to State cooperative societies, Lokayukta and university laws, to the State Legislative Assembly "as soon as possible" and given reasons for his objections. Instead, the Governor had sat on them. He denied the people of Kerala the "benefits of the welfare legislation" before referring the seven Bills to the President in November last year without mentioning the time-lapse.

Kerala said the Centre had withheld assent on four Bills without assigning any reasons.

Thus, the State said, the machinations of the Governor saw the Centre take decisions on issues exclusively coming within the ambit of the State's legislative domain.

It argued that the Governor's power to reserve a Bill for the consideration of the President is limited and confined to specific circumstances detailed in the proviso to Article 213 of the Constitution.

Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud said the court would look into "when Governors can refer Bills to the President". The next hearing of the case has been posted on August 20.

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SC extends stay on order to shops

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday reasoned that laws should apply equally to all and in every part of the country while countering Uttar Pradesh's argument that its directive to shop owners and staff along the Kanwar Yatra route to display their names was in line with a "Central law".

A Bench of Justices Hrishikesh Roy and S.V.N. Bhatti refused to rethink the court's earlier stay on the implementation of the directives issued by Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand, and extended the stay orders till August 5.

Uttar Pradesh, represented by senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, said that there was nothing wrong in ordering shop owners and their staff along the yatra route to prominently exhibit their names outside their establishments.

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Ramanagara dist. renaming gets Cabinet approval

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In what is expected to trigger a political slugfest in the Vokkaliga heartland, the State government on Friday approved renaming Ramanagara district as Bengaluru South.

"The Cabinet gave its approval to the renaming proposal as it would benefit from the Brand Bengaluru image. The demand had come from people and elected representatives," Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil told presspersons during a briefing after the Cabinet meeting.

"The process will commence now and the Revenue Department will issue a notification soon to change the name of [Ramanagara] district."

When asked if a committee should have studied the proposal, the Minister said: "Earlier the district reorganisation process had committees. Objections were called before the districts were carved out. However, Cabinet approval is sufficient for renaming the district."

DKS's proposal

The proposal was mooted by Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, whose Assembly constituency Kanakapura comes in Ramanagara district.

However, the name change has met with resistance from the Janata Dal (S) and its leader and Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy during whose tenure as Chief Minister Ramanagara district was carved out from Bengaluru Rural district.

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Plotting India's World T20 title defence: does winning template need altering for a team in transition?

The success achieved by the Rahul Dravid-Rohit Sharma partnership will be a tough act to follow for the new dispensation, helmed by Gautam Gambhir and Suryakumar Yadav. The tour to Sri Lanka will offer a glimpse of the future, with the 2026 edition a little over 18 months away

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Ashwin Achal

Only a few weeks ago, India was crowned the World T20I champion. Now it is a team in transition.

The T20I retirements of captain Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and Ravindra Jadeja, coupled with the exit of Rahul Dravid as head coach after the high of lifting the ICC Men's T20 World Cup trophy in Barbados, has forced major changes.

Starting over

There is a new T20I captain in Suryakumar Yadav, a new vice-captain in Shubman Gill, and a new head coach in Gautam Gambhir. The next T20 World Cup is less than two years away, and India is starting from scratch.

Suryakumar's appointment came as a surprise, as Hardik Pandya – Rohit's deputy at the World Cup – was expected to take charge. Hardik had a fantastic run with both bat and ball in the USA and West Indies, which strengthened his case for leadership.

> I don't complicate too many things. I am taking over a very, very successful team. There are issues to fill, but this is a champions' team
>
> **GAUTAM GAMBHIR**
> India coach

It should have been the great climax of Hardik's redemption story – from being booed during IPL 2024, to winning the World Cup and becoming the India captain. But instead, Hardik has fallen down the leadership pole, stripped of the vice-captaincy post. Chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar explained that Hardik's recurrent injury troubles were to be blamed. "The biggest thing is the captain should be on the park more often than not. I mean, that's a prerequisite," Agarkar remarked.

While Hardik's roller-coaster ride continues, Suryakumar has been pushed into the hot seat. Suryakumar's credentials with the bat are beyond doubt, but as captain, he is fairly untested. The Mumbaikar led India in a five-match T20I series against Australia in November-December last year, when Hardik was out with an injury. India won the series 4-1, and Suryakumar retained leadership duties in a three-match South Africa T20I leg that followed (series tied 1-1).

Generally an all-out attacking stroke-maker, Suryakumar added nuance to his game in the World Cup when he curbed his instincts to adjust to the tough New York pitch. This ability to adapt to different situations should hold him in good stead as a leader. At 33, Suryakumar is a fairly experienced campaigner, even if the bulk of his career was spent navigating through the domestic circuit.

With Rohit retained as the ODI and Test captain, the Indian team has gone back to the split-captaincy model. If history is anything to go by, this is not a preferred permanent solution. A few months after Kohli announced that he would step down from T20I captaincy at the end of the 2021 T20 World Cup, he was replaced by Rohit as ODI captain. Kohli soon gave up Test leadership as well.

All-format captaincy situation

Suryakumar's progression may be restricted to the white-ball formats, given that he has appeared in just one Test match. The red-ball captaincy could be a step too far.

And thus the next all-format captaincy could go to Gill. It has been an incredible couple of months for the batter, who flew back to India at the end of the group stages of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup. Batting coach Vikram Rathour dismissed suggestions that Gill was sent home for disciplinary issues, stating that the Punjab cricketer, a reserve player, was simply superfluous to the team's needs.

Just when it seemed that Gill had fallen out of favour, he has been given a new lease on life. Immediately after the World Cup, Gill led a young side in the T20I series against Zimbabwe, which went 4-1 in India's favour.

"Shubman is the guy we feel is a three-format player, and he has shown quality over the last year or so," Agarkar said.

At 24, Gill has time to develop and learn from the best. "He can learn from a couple of the senior guys – Suryakumar or Rohit. He has shown some decent leadership qualities. We want to try and get him the experience," Agarkar said.

Where does this rejig leave Hardik? The all-rounder, so crucial to the team balance, will continue to play an important part in the T20I and ODI set-up.

Gill and Yashasvi Jaiswal will replace Rohit and Kohli at the top of the order in the 20-over format. Like Gill, Jaiswal did not get a game in the World Cup, but the southpaw did stay with the squad until the end of the tournament.

Jaiswal brings a fresh aggressive approach, in contrast to Kohli's more sedate style. Jaiswal, unafraid to go for the big shots in the Powerplay, is a better fit for modern-day T20 cricket. An unbeaten 53-ball 93 against Zimbabwe earlier this month was a reminder of the match-winning ability the 22-year-old brings to the table.

Unlocking value

In Axar Patel, the side already has someone with Jadeja's left-handed multidimensional profile. Axar, in fact, adds greater value given that he is a capable batter when promoted up the order. Jadeja's exit opens the door for Rinku Singh, who could come in as a finisher.

The bowling unit, India's greatest strength, does not require any tinkering. Jasprit Bumrah is the world's best bowler across formats, and Arshdeep Singh has risen as an able ally. Mohammed Siraj is an efficient third seamer, while Mohammed Shami is working his way back from injury. Left-arm spinner Kuldeep Yadav shines as the strike-bowler.

> [Suryakumar] has been around the group over the last year, we get feedback from the dressing room a lot. [He has a] good cricket brain and [is] one of the best T20 batters in the world. We think he is a deserving candidate and hopefully we'll see over time how he develops into the role
>
> **AJIT AGARKAR**
> Chief selector

India's immediate focus turns to the 2025 ODI ICC Champions Trophy, which commences in seven months' time. For now, India will rely on old heroes Rohit and Kohli to come good in the 50-over format. Gambhir took it one step further, saying that the duo has enough in the tank to feature in the 2027 Cricket World Cup scheduled for October-November that year. This could be mere lip service, given that Rohit would have turned 40 and Kohli would be weeks from his 39th birthday when the big event comes around.

The tour to Sri Lanka, which includes three ODIs and three T20Is, will give the first glimpse of what lies ahead for the national team. Will Gambhir's straight-talking nature be accepted in the dressing room? Will Suryakumar put his stamp on captaincy? Is Gill one for the future?

Squad depth, horses for courses, and backing players to the hilt – this is the winning template established by Rohit and Dravid. It is a hard act to follow for Gambhir and company. The short turnaround time to the next T20 World Cup leaves little room for slips and missteps.

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Jannik Sinner	22	9,570	18
2	Novak Djokovic	37	8,460	18
3	Carlos Alcaraz	21	8,130	17
4	Alexander Zverev	27	7,295	25
5	Daniil Medvedev	28	6,525	18
6	Alex de Minaur	25	4,185	25
7	Hubert Hurkacz	27	4,105	23
8	Casper Ruud	25	3,925	24
9	Andrey Rublev	26	3,830	24
10	Grigor Dimitrov	33	3,770	21
11	Taylor Fritz	26	3,705	24
12	Stefanos Tsitsipas	25	3,705	24
13	Tommy Paul	27	3,410	22
14	Ben Shelton	21	2,750	25
15	Ugo Humbert	26	2,450	29

Top Indians ▶

Sumit Nagal
Rank 80 ▼ 12 spots

Ramkumar Ramanathan
Rank 327 ▲▼ No change

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	23	11,285	18
2	Coco Gauff	20	8,173	18
3	Aryna Sabalenka	26	7,061	17
4	Elena Rybakina	25	6,376	19
5	Jasmine Paolini	28	5,373	24
6	Jessica Pegula	30	4,665	22
7	Qinwen Zheng	21	4,025	20
8	Maria Sakkari	28	3,925	24
9	Danielle Collins	30	3,702	20
10	Barbora Krejcikova	28	3,573	18
11	Jelena Ostapenko	27	3,418	23
12	Daria Kasatkina	27	3,283	23
13	Liudmila Samsonova	25	2,950	25
14	Madison Keys	29	2,878	16
15	Emma Navarro	23	2,729	28

Top Indians ▶

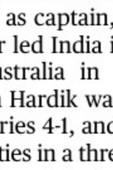
Ankita Raina
Rank 258 ▲ 5 spots

Sahaja Yamalapalli
Rank 307 ▲ 11 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	265	7
2	Lando Norris	McLaren	189	1
3	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	162	1
4	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	154	1
5	Oscar Piastri	McLaren	149	1
6	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	125	1
7	Sergio Perez	Red Bull	124	0
8	George Russell	Mercedes	116	1
9	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin	45	0
10	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	24	0
11	Nico Hulkenberg	Haas	22	0
12	Yuki Tsunoda	RB	22	0
13	Daniel Ricciardo	RB	11	0
14	Oliver Bearman	Ferrari	6	0
15	Pierre Gasly	Alpine	6	0
16	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	5	0
17	Alex Albon	Williams	4	0
18	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	3	0
19	Zhou Guanyu	Sauber	0	0
20	Valtteri Bottas	Sauber	0	0

Max Verstappen



Lando Norris

F1 Constructors' standings

Pos	Team	Points	Wins
1	Red Bull	389	7
2	McLaren	338	2
3	Ferrari	322	2
4	Mercedes	241	2
5	Aston Martin	69	0
6	RB	33	0
7	Haas	27	0
8	Alpine	9	0
9	Williams	4	0
10	Kick Sauber	0	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Shi Yu Qi	102,415	17
2	Viktor Axelsen	93,870	15
3	Jonatan Christie	89,447	18
4	Anders Antonsen	85,081	22
5	Kodai Naraoka	83,697	20
6	Li Shi Feng	82,196	18
7	Lee Zii Jia	78,816	23
8	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	77,508	17
9	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	70,485	18
10	Kenta Nishimoto	64,612	24
11	Chou Tien Chen	64,567	29
12	Prannoy H. S.	63,542	18
13	Loh Kean Yew	62,433	23
14	Koki Watanabe	59,684	21
15	Lu Guang Zu	58,551	21

Top Indians ▶

Prannoy H. S.
Rank 12

Lakshya Sen
Rank 18

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	An Se Young	112,417	15
2	Chen Yu Fei	104,282	17
3	Tai Tzu Ying	91,621	17
4	Carolina Marin	88,786	16
5	Wang Zhi Yi	83,215	20
6	Akane Yamaguchi	82,907	11
7	Han Yue	77,609	23
8	He Bing Jiao	74,868	16
9	Gregoria Mariska Tunjung	73,862	21
10	Aya Ohori	66,267	23
11	Beiwen Zhang	64,556	23
12	Nozomi Okuhara	62,911	23
13	P.V. Sindhu	59,782	15
14	Zhang Yi Man	59,014	18
15	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	58,440	24

Top Indians ▶

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 13

Aakarshi Kashyap
Rank 40

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Kane Williamson	859	919
2	Joe Root	852	923
3	Harry Brook	771	773
4	Babar Azam	768	882
4	Daryl Mitchell	768	804
6	Steve Smith	757	947
7	Rohit Sharma	751	813
8	Yashasvi Jaiswal	740	740
9	Dimuth Karunaratne	739	783
10	Virat Kohli	737	937

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	R. Ashwin	870	904
2	Josh Hazlewood	847	864
2	Jasprit Bumrah	847	881
4	Kagiso Rabada	834	902
5	Pat Cummins	820	914
6	Nathan Lyon	801	801
7	Ravindra Jadeja	788	899
8	James Anderson	739	903
9	Shaheen Afridi	733	836
10	Kyle Jamieson	729	836

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	824	898
2	Shubman Gill	801	847
3	Virat Kohli	768	909
4	Harry Tector	746	767
4	Rohit Sharma	746	882
6	Daryl Mitchell	728	750
7	David Warner	723	869
8	Pathum Nissanka	711	728
9	Dawid Malan	707	730
10	Rassie van der Dussen	701	796

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Keshav Maharaj	716	741
2	Josh Hazlewood	688	727
3	Adam Zampa	686	695
4	Mohammed Siraj	678	736
5	Jasprit Bumrah	665	838
6	Mohammad Nabi	656	657
6	Bernard Scholtz	656	656
8	Shaheen Afridi	650	688
9	Kuldeep Yadav	645	760
10	Trent Boult	643	775

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Travis Head	844	844
2	Suryakumar Yadav	797	910
2	Philip Salt	797	833
4	Babar Azam	755	896
5	Mohammad Rizwan	746	875
6	Yashasvi Jaiswal	743	761
7	Jos Buttler	716	720
8	Ruturaj Gaikwad	684	706
9	Brandon King	656	704
10	Johnson Charles	655	669

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Adil Rashid	718	746
2	Anrich Nortje	675	695
3	Wanindu Hasaranga	674	797
4	Rashid Khan	668	816
5	Josh Hazlewood	662	806
6	Akeal Hosein	659	683
7	Adam Zampa	654	743
8	Fazalhaq Farooqi	645	692
9	Maheesh Theekshana	644	667
10	Alzarri Joseph	633	646

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INBRIEF

Train services between Bengaluru and coast hit

Train services between Karwar-Mangaluru and Bengaluru were affected after a landslip between Yadakumari and Kadagaravalli (Western Ghats section) of South Western Railway at 6.56 p.m. on Friday.

A release from SWR said that train No. 06568 Karwar - SMVT Bengaluru Special Express was cancelled and seven other trains had been diverted as a result. Train no. 16595 KSR Bengaluru - Karwar Panchaganga Super-Fast Express was diverted via Yeshwantpur, Banaswadi, Jolarpettai Cabin, Salem, Podanur, Shoranur, Mangaluru Junction and Surathkal.

Train no. 16586 Murdeshwar - SMVT Bengaluru Express was diverted via Mangaluru Junction, Shoranur, Salem and Jolarpettai Cabin. Train no. 16512 Kannur - KSR Bengaluru Express was diverted via Mangaluru Central, Shoranur, Salem and Jolarpettai Cabin.

Train no. 16596 Karwar - KSR Bengaluru Panchaganga Super-Fast Express was diverted via Mangaluru Junction, Shoranur, Salem and Jolarpettai Cabin. Train no. 16511 KSR Bengaluru - Kannur Express was diverted via Jolarpettai Cabin, Salem, Shoranur and Mangaluru Junction. Train no. 16585 SMVT Bengaluru - Murdeshwar Express was diverted via KSR Bengaluru, Jolarpettai Cabin, Shoranur and Mangaluru Junction.

Two arrested for insulting disabled persons

Cybercrime police arrested two persons from the city, identified as Rohan Cariappa and Sharavana Bhattacharya, for allegedly making and posting reels on social media ridiculing and insulting the deaf and mute. Multiple complaints had been lodged against them with the Bengaluru City Police and Delhi Cybercrime Police online.

Rowdy sheeters booked under Goonda Act

The city police have booked two rowdy sheeters, both from Basaveshwaranagar police station limits, under the stringent Goonda Act, with multiple cases of robbery, assault, criminal intimidation and attempt to murder pending against them. Acting on a report by Deputy Commissioner of Police (West), City Police Commissioner B. Dayananda issued the order to book the two under the Goonda Act.

The two rowdy sheeters will be arrested for a year without bail.

86% of HT and 75% of LT cables aerially bunched or made underground

While conversion of cables that were taken up in 2019 as per State government is complete, it is going on in areas which were newly added to BMAZ

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

Bescom took up the conversion projects mainly with safety in focus. FILE PHOTO

It has been over 15 years since the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company began aerial bunching (AB) and underground (UG) conversion of the existing overhead cable network in the Bengaluru Metropolitan Area Zone (BMAZ). The projects are slowly heading towards completion as 86% of high tension (HT) cables and 75% of low tension (LT) cables have now been converted.

As of now, Bescom has taken 9,465 km of HT cables underground, while 412 km of cables have been aerially bunched. When it comes to LT cables, 1,764 km of overhead cables have been changed to underground cables, while 7,870 km of cables have been aerially bunched. Around 1,600 km of HT cables and around 3,200 km of LT cables are yet to be covered under the projects.

These projects were mainly taken up with electric safety in focus. "The work is progressing quickly. In 2022-23, we converted 3,301 km of HT lines and 5,332 km of LT lines into AB and UG cables," said a senior official from Bescom. In 2023-24, 683.67 km of HT lines and 1,739.37 km of LT lines were converted. In the ongoing year (2024-25), 0.74 km of HT lines have been aerially bunched, while 134.9 km were taken underground. Similarly, 22.55 km of LT lines have been aerially bunched, and 83.42 km have gone underground," said a Bescom official.

Dangling cables

However, citizens continue to complain that dangling cables are a common sight in the city. "Our area has got increasingly densely populated with schools and what not coming up in every nook and corner. Yet, even in the residential areas where there are a lot of roadside trees, and the buildings are close to each other, nothing has been done about the power lines. They dangle close to homes and tree branches, and I don't think the routine pruning of trees Bescom does is the solution. We need a more permanent solution like aerial bunching," said Athira D., a resident of Maruthinagar near Malleshpalya.

Kanchana M., another resident of Yelahanka, said, "Especially in residential areas, we see many wires, and the project needs to pick up pace and cover these." In 2019, as per State government instructions, Bescom took up the project of converting 6,900 km of overhead cables into UG cables. Bescom officials said while 97% of LT lines and 98.56% of HT lines have been converted under that project till now, the process of converting the lines in areas that were newly added to BMAZ after they came under Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) limits is ongoing.

Electric cables in areas like Kasavanahalli, Jalahalli, Rajanukunte, S.G. Palya, Marathahalli, Manyata Tech Park and Kumbalgodu are yet to be converted into AB and UG cables. Within the next two years, all the areas in BMAZ are expected to have AB and UG cables.

Conversion of HT and LT cables

- HT cables aerially bunched/ made underground: **9,877 km**
- Remaining HT cables: **1,600 km**
- LT cables aerially bunched/ made underground: **9,634 km**
- Remaining LT cables: **3,200 km**

RTI activists seek divine intervention for BBMP polls

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Activists offer pooja for goddess Adishakti on BBMP premises in Bengluru on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Tired of waiting for the BBMP polls to be held, a group of Right to Information activists turned to no less than divine intervention.

The activists, working under the umbrella of the Right to Information Study Centre, on Friday, offered a special puja to goddess Adishakti at the Adishakti shrine located inside the premises of the BBMP headquarters to seek divine intervention to hold elections for the civic body.

The BBMP has been running without an elected council for the past four years, and now, after the State government tabled the Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill 2024, doubts have risen that the polls may be delayed further.

The activists prayed to god to influence the ruling party to hold elections to uphold the values of democracy and the spirit of the Constitution. The activists also offered *bagina* and displayed placards that demanded the government to conduct the elections as soon as possible.

S. Amaresh, Managing Trustee of the Centre, addressing the gathering after the puja, said despite the term of the previous council ending three years and 11 months ago, successive governments have failed to hold the elections. The elected body plays a vital role in resolving the grievances of the citizens, he said.

He said the previous BJP government issued a notification increasing the number of wards from 198 to 243, and when the new Congress government came to power, the numbers were reduced to 225. Now, going further ahead, the State has tabled the Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill 2024. These, he alleged, are tactics employed by the governments to delay elections.

He added that bureaucrats who are now at the helm of affairs in the absence of elected representatives do not have any idea about the challenges in the wards and this has led to an increase in problems for citizens.

4 kg of MDMA worth ₹6 crore seized

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BENGALURU

Sleuths from the Anti-Narcotics Wing of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) nabbed two Africans for allegedly peddling narcotics in Electronics City in south Bengaluru. They seized 4 kg of MDMA crystals worth ₹6 crore from them.

This is one of the biggest hauls of MDMA crystals in Bengaluru in recent times, police said. Police also seized two mobile phones and an electronic weighing machine, among other materials, from the arrested persons.

Business visa

The main accused had come to India on a business visa. He had been running a readymade garments business in Coimbatore. When his business incurred a loss, he reportedly shifted to Bengaluru and started dealing in narcotics, which he reportedly sourced from his contacts in the African community in Mumbai. He allegedly charged ₹12,000 - ₹15,000 per gram, police claimed. He smuggled the narcotics from Mumbai concealing the contraband in packets of soap, cornflakes or chocolates to avoid detection.

While he has been remanded in judicial custody, his associate is staying illegally in India. He has been deported, police said.

Police are trying to find the source of the narcotics.

Cocaine seized

In another case, Varthur police arrested a youth from Kerala allegedly peddling drugs and seized 16.6 grams of cocaine from him on July 12. He was sent to judicial custody and the case was handed over to the Anti-Narcotics Wing of the CCB.

CCB took custody of the accused from the court. On being questioned, he led the police to a house where he had stashed more cocaine. CCB sleuths seized 746 grams of cocaine, worth ₹1.5 crore, from the house.

'One-time settlement scheme' in force till July 31

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BENGALURU

A zone-wise helpdesk has been opened under BBMP jurisdiction to support medical colleges, engineering colleges, including property owners of other educational institutions to avail of the benefits of the "One time settlement scheme".

Munish Moudgil, Special Commissioner (Revenue), said the property owners of educational institutions can visit their respective BBMP zonal offices to regularise their property tax by paying the arrears. The scheme will be in force till July 31, 2024.

BBMP guidelines for feeding community animals

Bengaluru: The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike has introduced new guidelines for feeding community animals in public spaces to ensure their welfare and also manage public safety.

- No feeding between **11.30 p.m. and 5 a.m.**
- **Raw meat** and **sugary biscuits** are discouraged, as they can make dogs hyperactive
- Feed animals consistently to prevent restlessness and aggression in dogs and cats
- Do not place **leftover food** on kerbside to avoid rodent problems
- Do not feed during times of high public density to prevent aggressive behaviour in animals
- RWAs and apartment owners to ensure their **bylaws** do not harm domestic animals; to enforce animal welfare laws
- RWAs should allow pets in common areas and lifts, requiring leash but not muzzle
- Pet owners are encouraged to keep their pets clean, groomed, dewormed, vaccinated, and neutered

- Associations **cannot ban pets** within their premises. All citizens have equal right to care for environment and choose pets of their choice
- Public institutions, educational facilities, tech parks, and similar establishments are advised **against using sticks** or **security personnel** to chase away dogs and cats, as such actions are illegal
- These entities should designate feeding spots and times to support feeding by students, employees, and interested citizens

Murder at PG: Probe teams reach Bhopal in search of killer

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BENGALURU

Police teams have now reached Bhopal in search of Abhishek, the alleged killer of a 24-year-old private firm employee at a paying guest accommodation in Koramangala on July 23.

Abhishek allegedly barged into the facility, stabbed Kruthi Kumari multiple times and fled from the scene. The CCTV footage of the ghastly crime, which reached media channels on Friday, shows the man stabbing her repeatedly, even as she screams for help.

Multiple women and other residents, are seen scared and approaching the deceased only after the accused fled from the scene.

Police investigations have revealed that Abhishek was in a relationship with Kruthi Kumari's roommate, and they recently had a fight. The roommate had broken up with Abhishek, over which he was upset. The police said Abhishek had come to the PG to meet his girlfriend, but she was not there. However, he was upset with Kruthi Kumari, blaming her for her roommate breaking up with him, and stabbed her to death, the police said.

All eyes on nine from State in the Olympics arena

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

As the Olympic fever grips the world, fans in Karnataka will be looking at a handful of athletes from their State to make the country proud. Of the 117 competitors from India, nine are from Karnataka.

Chief among them is tennis star Rohan Bopanna, who will be partnering Tamil Nadu's Sriram Balaji in men's doubles. Bopanna, 44, is World No. 4 in doubles and the reigning Australian Open champion. He will be eager to add an Olympic medal to his collection, something he missed out on at the 2016 Rio Games, finishing fourth in mixed doubles with Sania Mirza.

Bengaluru golfer Aditi Ashok, too, finished agonisingly short at the quadrennial extravaganza, coming fourth at Tokyo 2020. Since then, the 26-year-old – who debuted at Rio 2016 – has won titles on the Ladies European Tour and secured a silver medal at the Hangzhou Asian Games in 2023 to become one of India's most recognisable faces.

Like Aditi, badminton player Ashwini Ponnappa will also be at her third Olympics, having taken part in London 2012 and Rio 2016. The 34-year-old

Rohan Bopanna

doubles player will partner 21-year-old Tanisha Crasto. The duo started playing together only in January last year and have done well to make it to Paris.

The Indian table tennis outfits have already made history by qualifying for the team championship for the first time since the sport was included in 1988.

Among those keen to impress will be 24-year-old Archana Kamath, a high-performing junior who has experience competing in the Youth Olympics. Also in the French capital will be boxer Nishant Dev, one of two male pugilists in India's six-member roster. The 23-year-old won a bronze medal (71kg category) at the IBA Men's World Boxing Championships in Tashkent in May 2023.

In athletics, there is the seasoned M.R. Poovamma, a double Asian Games gold-medallist and, at 34, the senior-most member of the Indian women's 4x400m relay team. Looking to make an impact among men will be Mijo Chacko Kurian, 29, who was part of the 2023 Asian Games gold-winning 4x400m relay squad.

India has never been a force in swimming, but Karnataka has been in India. Thus, the only two swimmers at the Olympics will be from the State – Srihari Nataraj (men's 100m backstroke) and Dhinidhi Desinghu (women's 200m freestyle). Srihari, 23, had competed in Tokyo as well, having qualified directly. This time, he has been selected under the universality quota along with 14-year-old Dhinidhi, who will be the youngest Indian athlete in Paris.

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Destiny's child, outlier, everyman: the many shades of P.R. Sreejesh

The 36-year-old has had a remarkable life in hockey. Set to play in his fourth Olympics, he talks about what continues to drive him, the many battles he has fought, why he does not want to change his past, and how his family and a 'guardian angel' have kept him tending India's goal

Uthra Ganesan

Star. Veteran. Prankster. Fun. Crowd favourite. Team man. Brother. Life of the party. Legend.

These and other such epithets have been used to describe a 36-year-old whose name will forever be associated with the Indian men's hockey team throwing off the albatross of a 40-year medal drought at the Olympics. The irony of six seconds defining a two-decade-long career, with its fair share of ecstasy and agony, is not lost on P.R. Sreejesh.

Those six seconds

"That's just how life is, isn't it? I have made better saves, played better games, won tougher matches and yet, my hockey career is, in a way, all about those six seconds in Tokyo. And the funny thing is, it shouldn't even have been that way, we were the better side and should have won easily. And then I would have been just one in a team of 16. I still am, but that final save brought me front and centre. Makes you believe all the more in destiny, right," he says, settling down for a chat just before leaving for Paris.

> When I first came into the national camp – the humiliation I faced, the rock bottom I hit on and off the turf – all that is like a fire inside that has never allowed me to sleep peacefully

Destiny. The word has been intricately entwined with the man from Kizhakkambalam village, Ernakulam, in Kerala. How else do you explain the lanky youngster moving to G.V. Raja Sports School in Thiruvananthapuram at the age of 12? Or trying out hockey goalkeeping even though that is one event his State, a sporting powerhouse, never identified with?

Athletes are supposed to be all about their performance on the field. Yet, it's the person off the field that often shapes and defines careers. Sreejesh, always ready with a smile and a selfie with fans, has managed to lock his struggles away from the spotlight. This time, he makes an exception, opening a tiny window into himself when asked why he wants to go to a fourth Olympics.

"When I first came into the national camp – the humiliation I faced, the rock bottom I hit on and off the turf – all that is like a fire inside that has never allowed me to sleep peacefully. That constant burning is the only thing that has pushed me hard every day. Because after winning the bronze, I realised we are capable of doing better. I feel if we had only given that one percentage extra, we could have had a different medal. And that's why I'm here. It's one last chance for me to change that colour," he explains.

"Tokyo did not happen overnight. The hard work, the dedication, the humiliation, the sacrifices – not only me, my parents, my family. All that forces me to stay greedy because it's not about me. It's my parents, my kids. When they said you are never there with us. Now when they see me winning medals, they realise their daddy's doing something special."

Sreejesh's happy-go-lucky persona hides the several battles he has fought, physically and mentally, even after becoming the country's No. 1 goalkeeper.

Overcoming adversity

"I have no idea of the number of broken bones, many of them permanently deformed. My injury in 2017 [at Azlan Shah] was the big one, I was out for almost eight months after surgery and the youngsters – Akash Chikte and Suraj Karkera – were doing good, [Krishan] Pathak was coming into the scene. That was the first time I thought of retirement, but I wanted to wear that India jersey just once more. And that drove me.

"But 2018 was not good. I was the best goalkeeper at the Asian Games but we couldn't get into the final and lost in the quarterfinals at the World Cup, my father went through heart surgery. I was thinking about retirement because of the pressure. I wouldn't say it was depression – more like taking the blame and too much guilt for everything going wrong. There were people who suggested I was letting my team down. And then we got a two-month break, I spent time at home, blocked everything and everyone else. That helped me decide to give it one more try."

To hear a livewire like him talk about depression and guilt – something most Indians are still wary of – is revealing. But there were those, too, who stood by him in those times. And Sreejesh is thankful to them, including former Dutch goalkeeper Jaap Stockman, whom he calls his 'guardian angel'.

"At Tokyo, I was texting him every time, 'I need your help'. At Rio, we had lost in the quarters so I wanted to know how to keep myself up. Semifinals was really new to me and then the bronze medal match was an absolutely new thing. I kept asking him, 'What should I do? What do I focus on?' He always reminds me, 'It's your game. Don't worry, don't overthink, just focus on basics, don't think of negative talk when you concede.

> We hockey players are not rich in terms of bank balance. We are rich with our performances, the medals which we get. It's not the luxury that tempts us. It's the respect you get when people say you inspire them... I want that all the time

"It wouldn't be wrong to say that I took his experience with me to Tokyo. Even after that, I was thinking of giving up when he messaged, 'Why? Has anyone told you to? Has the federation or the coach said you are not fit enough? How will you know till you try?' I think that one message has kept pushing me till now."

The past, however, is never too far from the surface and it comes up every time he talks about his family – his parents who know nothing about hockey but never had second thoughts over doing what made their son happy; his kids who would sleep in the car every night before he had to leave for another camp to try and keep him, leaving him heartbroken to move them gently; and his wife, who has managed to keep it all together, allowing him to focus on the game.

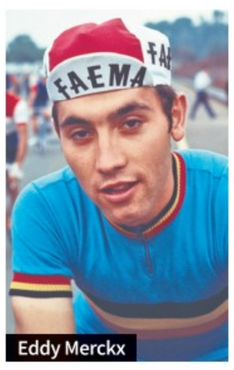
"We talk about it every time. How my father got me a new passport in one day for my first camp. The journey to my first school, how I cried there, how I joined hockey and became goalkeeper. If you ask me whether I want to change anything in my past, no I don't – not the injuries, not the downfall, not the matches we lost at London 2012. Because everything taught me something, helped me to be what I am today."

When greed is good

The years have also given him the confidence to declare what every successful sportsperson secretly believes – athletes are selfish people. "I am a very greedy player. We hockey players are not rich in terms of bank balance. We are rich with our performances, the medals which we get. It's not the luxury that tempts us. It's the respect you get when people say you inspire them, the pride you feel when you tell them, you play hockey for the country, you are an Olympic medallist. I want that all the time," he declares.

So, what happens if that elusive medal doesn't come at Paris? Will he keep pushing his body and mind, even though he has declared the end of his international journey? "There will always be the next tournament, the ACT, then the Pro League, the HIL, then next season. No. I'm done."

GAME THEORY

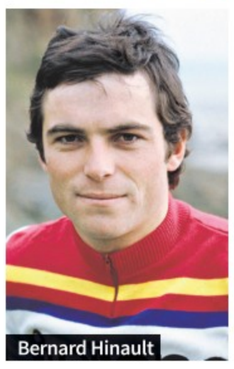


Eddy Merckx

Tadej Pogacar

Cycling's Grand Tour masters

Slovenia's Tadej Pogacar, on Sunday, became the first cyclist to win both the Giro d'Italia and the Tour de France in the same season since 1998. The Vuelta a Espana is the only Grand Tour race he hasn't tasted victory at. How does Pogacar stack up against cycling's best multi-week stage racers? We look at the men with the most Grand Tour titles:



Bernard Hinault

Jacques Anquetil

Cyclist	Country	Winning span	Giro d'Italia	Tour de France	Vuelta a Espana	Total
Eddy Merckx	Belgium	1968–1974	5	5	1	11
Bernard Hinault	France	1978–1985	3	5	2	10
Jacques Anquetil	France	1957–1964	2	5	1	8
Fausto Coppi	Italy	1940–1953	5	2	0	7
Miguel Indurain	Spain	1991–1995	2	5	0	7
Alberto Contador	Spain	2007–2015	2	2	3	7
Chris Froome	Great Britain	2011–2018	1	4	2	7
Gino Bartali	Italy	1936–1948	3	2	0	5
Alfredo Binda	Italy	1925–1933	5	0	0	5
Felice Gimondi	Italy	1965–1976	3	1	1	5
Tony Rominger	Switzerland	1992–1995	1	0	3	4
Roberto Heras	Spain	2000–2005	0	0	4	4
Vincenzo Nibali	Italy	2010–2016	2	1	1	4
Primoz Roglic	Slovenia	2019–2023	1	0	3	4
Tadej Pogacar	Slovenia	2020–2024	1	3	0	4
Giovanni Brunero	Italy	1921–1926	3	0	0	3
Carlo Galetti	Italy	1910–1912	3	0	0	3
Fiorenzo Magni	Italy	1948–1955	3	0	0	3
Louison Bobet	France	1953–1955	0	3	0	3
Greg LeMond	United States	1986–1990	0	3	0	3
Philippe Thys	Belgium	1913–1920	0	3	0	3
Charly Gaul	Luxembourg	1956–1959	2	1	0	3
Laurent Fignon	France	1983–1989	1	2	0	3
Pedro Delgado	Spain	1985–1989	0	1	2	3

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Merciless beauty

The Royal Troon Golf Club was recently in the limelight again, staging the 152nd edition of The Open Championship and offering the sport's ardent fans the many delights of links golf.

This view of the par-3 14th green may seem like the afterglow of a beautiful dream, but the famous Scottish course is often a nightmare to tackle. It's the quintessential links course: wild, wind-swept, chastening and rewarding in equal measure.

With a traditional out-and-back routing for the 2024 Open, the back nine was a battle against the wind. Champion Xander Schauffele hit a 3-wood into the breeze on the third day that he felt would have travelled at least 300 yards in normal conditions; he fell nearly a 100 yards short of his estimation. "That was pretty humbling," he said.

Links golf, because of its rough-hewn nature, demands a different set of skills than those developed in more manicured conditions. As Schauffele said after giving the winner's Claret Jug a first kiss, "Literally, everything we do [here] is completely different than what we do in the States."

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Water Resources Department
Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited

Krishna Raja Sagara and Kabini Reservoirs

are brimming with water heralding prosperous times.
On this auspicious occasion, Hon'ble Chief Minister
Sri Siddaramaiah and
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Sri D. K. Shivakumar
will offer

Pooja and the traditional Bagina to Goddess Kaveri

Bagina offering programme at Krishna Raja Sagara reservoir

Date: 29.07.2024 | Monday | Time: 11 am
Place: Goddess Kaveri statue, KRS

August Presence

Sri H. D. Kumaraswamy
Hon'ble Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel, Government of India

Sri N. Chaluvaraya Swamy
Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Dist. In-charge Minister for Mandya

Sri N. S. Boseraju
Hon'ble Minister for Minor Irrigation and Science and Technology, Dist. In-charge Minister for Kodagu

Sri K. Venkatesh
Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry and Sericulture

Hon'ble Deputy CM & Minister for Irrigation **Sri D. K. Shivakumar** and Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture **Sri N. Chaluvaraya Swamy** at KRS reservoir

Presided by

Sri Ramesh Babu Bandisidde Gowda
Hon'ble MLA, Srirangapatna Assembly Constituency

Bagina offering programme at Kabini reservoir

Date: 29.07.2024 | Monday | Time: 3 pm
Place: Kabini Reservoir, Beechanahalli, HD Kote Taluk, Mysuru District

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Sri K. Venkatesh
Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry and Sericulture

Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare **Sri H. C. Mahadevappa** and Hon'ble Deputy CM & Minister for Irrigation **Sri D. K. Shivakumar** at an event.

Presided by

Sri Anil Chikkamadu
Hon'ble MLA, H. D. Kote Assembly Constituency

Chief Guests

Hon'ble Members of Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, Legislative Assembly, Legislative Council, Gram Panchayat Presidents, Vice Presidents and Members, Chairmen of Boards and Corporations and all elected representatives

Details of water to be released to Tamil Nadu as per Cauvery Water Tribunal and actual water released at Biligundlu

Last 6 years

Rain year	Water to be released as per Cauvery Water Tribunal	Actual release of water at Biligundlu as per Cauvery Water Tribunal (in TMC)
2018-19	177.250 TMC as per the Supreme Court order dated 16.02.2018	**404.444**
2019-20		275.40
2020-21		211.316
2021-22		281.084
2022-23		**667.533**
2023-24		81.417

Current rain year (2024-25)

Month	Water to be released as per Cauvery Water Tribunal (in TMC)	Actual release of water at Biligundlu as per Cauvery Water Tribunal (in TMC)
June 2024	9.19	2.252
July 2024	25.19 (25.07.2024)	43.081
Cumulative till July 25, 2024	**34.38**	**45.33**

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Drive against ticketless travel

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BENGALURU

In its drive against ticketless travel, KSRTC conducted checks on its buses in the State and neighbouring States during June.

The corporation's vigilance squad checked as many as 43,126 buses and detected 3,522 cases of pilferage, besides penalising 3,610 ticketless passengers for travelling without tickets and collected a fine of ₹5,97,517.

Timings
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SATURDAY, JUL. 27
RISE 06:04 SET 18:48
RISE 23:35 SET 11:32

SUNDAY, JUL. 28
RISE 06:04 SET 18:48
RISE 00:00 SET 12:28

MONDAY, JUL. 29
RISE 06:05 SET 18:47
RISE 00:20 SET 13:26

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	31	25
Mysuru	29	21
Bengaluru	27	21

Bengaluru Today
27°C The weather will be comfortable with cloudy sky. Night will be pleasant. Chaces of light rain and thundershower.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
28°C Mostly dry weather to prevail. Day will be comfortable with cloudy sky. Night will be pleasant.

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No student from State in top-20 of re-revised result of NEET-2024

During the June 4 result, three students of the State had secured 720 out 720 marks with AIR-1

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Students at a college in Mangaluru before the commencement of the NEET. FILE PHOTO

Following the Supreme Court direction, the National Testing Agency (NTA) announced the re-revised results of NEET-2024 on Friday. No student from Karnataka has made it to the top-20 in this list.

Padmanabh Menon emerged as the State topper with All India Rank 21 (AIR) by securing 716 marks out of 720 (99.9990143 percentile). During the NEET result announced on June 4, he secured 74 AIR with 99.996614 percentile.

Three students then

During the June 4 result, three students of the State, including Kalyan V. of Sri Chaitanya Techno School, Marathahalli, Bengaluru, Sam Shreyas Joseph from Narayana Co-Kaveri, Bhavan, Kasavanahalli, Bengaluru, and Arjun Kishore from Expert PU College, Mangaluru, had secured 720 out 720 marks (99.997129%) with AIR-1.

However, in the re-revised result, Kalyan V. has got AIR-53 rank with 715 marks, Sam Shreyas Joseph AIR-64 with 715 marks, and Arjun Kishore is ranked AIR-71 with 715 marks.

Two more students, Bhargava Bhat and Nandan P., have secured AIR-84 and AIR-90, respectively, with 715 marks.

Kalyan. V. has also secured top rank in four streams, including B.V.Sc (Veterinary), B-Pharma, Pharma-D and B.Sc. Nursing in CET-2024. However, he expressed his disappointment with the re-revised result of NEET-2024.

Speaking with *The Hindu*, Kalyan said, "It was unexpected that I lost five marks in the re-revised result. But I have some hope to get a seat at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in New Delhi. I have to see how the counselling goes."

Kalyan's father, Venkateshappa V., a software engineer, expressed disappointment with this re-revised NEET-2024 result. "He had put a lot of effort into achieving AIR-1. It is unfortunate that his rank has dropped in the re-revised result. But I am sure that he will get the medical seat in AIIMS, New Delhi, or Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER), Puducherry," he said.

Of the 1,55,148 students from Karnataka registered for NEET, as many as 1,50,171 appeared. Of them 88,887 candidates were eligible, said the note released by NTA. However, compared to the June 4 results, a total of 201 candidates lost their eligibility in the re-revised result. Earlier, a total of 89,088 candidates were eligible.

Reversal in numbers

In this re-revised result, of the 13,34,940 male candidates who appeared, 7,69,277 qualified. Of the 9,98,205 female candidates, 5,46,566 qualified across the nation. Among 17 transgender people, ten qualified.

However, in the June 4 result, the numbers were reversed. NTA had then mentioned that of the 9,98,298 male candidates who appeared, as many as 5,47,036 qualified. It also said that of the 13,34,982 female candidates, 7,69,222 qualified across the nation.

C-CAMP partners with UK to fund innovations for antimicrobial resistance

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The Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP) has partnered with the UK Department of Health and Social Care's Global Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Innovation Fund to nurture and fund innovations for antimicrobial resistance in the environment.

Up to £5.1 million (approximating around ₹500 million or ₹50 crore+) funding has been committed over three years by the UK's Global AMR Innovation Fund (GAMRIF).

This partnership between GAMRIF and C-CAMP will support the development of innovative solutions addressing AMR in the environment for the benefit of low- and middle-income countries where the burden of drug resistance is the highest.

"C-CAMP is committed to fostering innovations addressing AMR across humans, agriculture and the environment. With our decade-long work in this area, we are confident of harnessing the most exciting AMR innovation science happening in India and across the globe into solutions to tackle the challenge, especially the often-neglected issue of environmental AMR that threatens low- and middle-income countries," Taslimarif Saiyed, Director-CEO, C-CAMP said.

The GRAM Report, published in the Lancet in 2019, estimates that 1.3 million people each year die due to AMR, with the highest mortality rates in low- and middle-income countries, primarily in Asia and Africa. By 2050, deaths associated with AMR are projected to rise to a staggering 10 million each year, surpassing the global death toll of malaria and comparable to that of cancer.

The impacts of climate change, antimicrobial misuse and overuse across the food and agriculture industries and antimicrobial pollution in the environment will all contribute to this rise in AMR-related deaths.

Despite the fact that LMICs bear a disproportionately higher global burden of AMR, the funding to foster innovative solutions best suited for the region has been acutely low.

150 cartons of meat seized

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chaos and confusion prevailed at KSR City Railway Station on Friday evening, as cow vigilante Puneeth Kerehalli and his associates landed up at the station's Okalipuram entrance, alleging a big parcel of meat that was unloaded was dog meat.

The parcel, around 150 cartons, reportedly belonging to one Abdul Razak, came on Jaipur-Mysore Express. The boxes contained meat, which the owner claimed to be mutton. Cottonpet Police seized the meat and BBMP health officials took samples for testing. Puneeth Kerehalli is accused of the murder of Idrees Pasha in 2023 in an incident of cow vigilantism.

Burglary cases cracked; stolen valuables recovered

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The city police cracked a spate of recent house burglaries and recovered stolen valuables. Probing a case of theft in Chunchaghatta in January 2024 wherein 300 grams of gold jewellery and ₹1.7 lakh cash were stolen, Konanakunte police arrested a man from Mysuru Road on July 5. Police say that 26 such cases involving this man had been cracked. The total worth of valuables is estimated to be ₹1 crore.

In another case, police probing a house burglary in HSR Layout in May, arrested two persons from Kadalur, Puducherry.

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
For and on behalf of President of Republic of India, Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Construction-I) North Western Railway, Jaipur invites E-Tender for the following works upto 15.00 Hrs. on the mentioned date. **1. Name of work: Tender No. EL/C/JP/CUR-SDLP/T/02/24-25** Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Railway Electrification work of 2x25KV OHE system in Churu-Sadulpur Section (57.82RKM) of Bikaner Division, NWR in connection with Doubling work. **2. Approximate cost of the Work:** Rs.396636752.00 **3. Earnest Money to be deposited:** Rs. 2133200.00 **4. Date of Completion of work:** 12 Months **5. Date & Time of closing E-Tender Date & Time of opening E-Tender**: 21.08.2024 Upto 15-00 Hrs. 21.08.2024 at 15.30 Hrs. **6. The details of above E-Tender are available on Website: www.ireps.gov.in**
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This is to inform the General Public that my Clients (1) Mr. USMAAN SHARIFF. M, S/o. Mr. Ahmed Shariff. M, AADHAAR : 6107 4258 5329, AND (2) Mrs. SHAIK SAMEERA, W/o. Mr.Usmaan Shariff.M, AADHAAR : 6060 9586 5135, Residing at No.545, 1st Cross, Maruthi Sawmil Road, Ashwath Nagar, Thanisandra Main Road, Dr. Shivarama Karanth Nagar Post, Bangalore-560 077. Propose to PURCHASE below mentioned Schedule property from Present Property Owners (1) Mrs. SHAKILA BANU, Wife of Late Shaik Babu, Residing at No.289, Arokiyamma Layout, K.G.Halli, , A.C. Post, Bangalore-560 045. AADHAAR : 8771 3874 8133. (2) Mr. AHMED MUZAMMIL, Son of Mr. Mahboob Pasha, Residing at No.837, 2nd Floor, 11th Cross, 1st Stage, 3rd Block, HBR Layout, Bangalore-560 043. AADHAAR : 6604 8913 4060. Both are the absolute Owners of this below mentioned Property and the said Mrs. SHAKILA BANU, and Mrs. AHMED MUZAMMIL, have lost the previous Original Two Registered Sale Deeds, Viz., (1) Vide Registered Document No.7148/1998-99, Book No-I, dated:11/02/1999, Registered In the office of the Sub Registrar Krishnarajpuram, Bangalore . and (2) Vide Registered Document No.KRI-1-24612-2005-06, Book No-I, CD No.KRID198, dated:23/03/2006, Registered In the office of the Sub Registrar Krishnarajpuram, Bangalore, and all Link Documents. This General Public Notice are hereby informed that nobody shall deal with the said Document and if any person/s are in custody of the same, they are hereby called upon to hand over the same to the under signed immediately. If any Persons have any kind of objecting over Schedule Property for purchase may lodge their objections with the undersigned along with supporting documents within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which my clients shall presume that there are no objection and proceed with the sale Agreement / Sale deed transaction.
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E-mail address:-
panvel.ee@mahapwd.gov.in
Fax Number :-022-27467440

Executive Engineer P.W. Division Panvel invite B-1 Tender From Registered Contractor with Govt. of Maharashtra. Detail Tender Notice Available On **www.mahapwd.gov.in** and www.mahatenders.gov.in Portal.

Note:- **Total 01 Work include in Tender notice.**

Online Tender Download & Bid Preparation Period Date **26.07.2024** At **10.00 AM** To Date **02.08.2024 18.00 PM**.

Online Tender Bid Preparation Last Date **02.08.2024 at 18.00 AM.**

Sd/-
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P.W.Division, Panvel

DGIPR/2024/2025/1290

E-Mail : sencrwangul@yahoo.co.in; Ph. No.06764-236404
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1. Name of the Work : Maintenance Work
2. Total No. of Work : 1 No.
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4. Class of Contractor : 'B' & 'A' Class
5. Period of Completion : 03 (Three) Calendar Months and Five years routine maintenance.
6. Other details

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Angul	Maintenance Online -AGL-05/2024-25	02.08.2024 at 10.00 A.M.	16.08.2024 up to 5.00 P.M.	14.08.2024 up to 1.00 P.M.	17.08.2024 at 10.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later on

For detailed Notice Inviting Tenders, Please visit to the website http://www.pmgsytenders.gov.in
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SHORT E- TENDER NOTICE Dt. 26.07.2024

An e-Tender is invited from the Government registered and experienced contractors by the Superintending Engineer, Circle-II, Construction Wing, Chennai – 600 107, under Two Cover System for the work of **"Lake front development at Puzhal"**

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Downloading the tender document by free of cost	**29.07.2024 to 12.08.2024 upto 3.00 PM**
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MEDICAL COLLEGE, PGIMSR & HOSPITAL
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NOTIFICATION FOR THE ENGAGEMENT OF EXTERNAL FACULTY FOR ASSOCIATE FELLOW OF INDUSTRIAL HEALTH (A.F.I.H.) COURSE IN ESIC MEDICAL COLLEGE, GULBARGA

Applications are invited from eligible and intended candidates to submit their expression of interest by sending the curriculum vitae (CV) along with copies of necessary and supporting documents as attachments through email id.: **deanmc-gb.kar@esic.nic.in**. **The Last date for the receipt of expression of interest with CV is 10.08.2024.**
For further details, regarding qualifications of faculty (Medical and Non-Medical discipline) and Remunerations kindly visit **https://www.esic.gov.in/recruitments**.
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Governmemt of Karnataka
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Udupi
" Rajathadri", B Block, 1st Floor, Room No B-208, Manipal, Udupi
NO:EE/RWSSDU/TenderNo.02/2024-25/JE-1/556 Dated: 25.07.2024

SHORT TERM RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited by the undersigned on behalf of Governor of Karnataka in **"TWO COVER SYSTEM"** through Government of Karnataka KPP portal for "Selection and Empanelment of Implementation Support Agencies (NGOs/VOs/ SHGs) for providing services on preparation and implementation of Village Action Plan and implementation IEC & HRD activities under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in rural areas under Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department in Udupi District." Eligible service provider shall apply for this tender through KPP portal.
Calender Of Events: (1) The Contractor can download the Tender: document from: **25.07.2024** (2) Last Date for Submission of tenders: **09.08.2024 4.00 PM.** (3) Opening of Technical Bid for the Tenders: **12.08.2024 11.00 AM.** (4) Opening of Finanacial Bid for the Tenders: **13.08.2024 11.30 AM.** The blank tender documents can be viewed or downloaded from E-proc portal, Details of work/eligibility of contractor/Tender processing fees/dates of events etc. can be had from website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. Further information can be had from the undersigned during office hours. Right of acceptance of tender is reserved.
KPP portal helpdesk: 080-22371090/22373788
phelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Rural Drinking Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Udupi
DIPR/ADU/KSMCA/176/24-25 Dt: 26.07.2024

Government of Karnataka
MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, M.I. & G.W.D. DIVISION, KALABURAGI
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IFT No. EE/MI &GWD D/KAL/PB-3/KW-1&3/2024-25/ 1324 DATED : 26-07-2024

-: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT KW-1&3) :-

1) Detail of work: THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, M.I. & G.W.D. DIVISION, KALABURAGI INVITES TENDER FROM THE ELIGIBLE TENDERERS FOR THE WORK UNDER S.D.M.F. FOR THE YEAR 2024-25 & 4702 L.I.S., 2) Amount of Estimate : **Max. Rs. 99,30,658.61 Min. Rs. 2,29,112.44,** 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class-3 & Above, 4) Details of Tender Application Amount and EMD Amount: Tender Fee As Per KPPP Portal, E.M.D. Max. Rs. 1,97,400.00 Min. Rs. 5,700.00, 5) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications: **09-08-2024 Up to 11.00 Hours**, 6) Last Date & Time for Receipt of tenders: **12-08-2024 Up to 17.30 Hours**, 7) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **13-08-2024 Up to 17.30 Hours**, 8) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid : **14-08-2024 Up to 17.30 Hours**, 9) Addl. Information: Executive Engineer, M.I. & G.W.D. Division, Kalaburagi, 10) Address of E-Portal: **(https:// KPPP.Karnataka.gov.in)**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Kalaburagi
DIPR/Kalaburagi/249/KSMC&A/2024-25

Government of Karnataka
BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE DEPARTMENT
Office of Deputy Director, Bengaluru Urban District, 1st Floor, Podium Block, Visweswariah Tower, Bengaluru -560001
Ph. : 080-22867628 Email: dobcmbengaluruurban1@gmail.com

No.ಡಿಬಿಸಿ/ಬೆಂನ/ವನಿಶಾ/ಟೆಆರ್–17/2024–25 **Date: 26.07.2024**

District-level e-procurement Tender Notification

Tenders have been invited through e-procurement in double-cover system from eligible firms for supply of food and other materials to pre-matric and post-matric student hostels maintained by the Backward Classes Welfare Department, Bangalore Urban District in district level for the year 2024-25 and 2025-26.
1) District Name : Bangalore Urban District, **Amount Put to tender (in Crores): 36.00 Crores, EMD Amount (in Lakhs): 36.00 Lakhs.** More details and tender documents can be obtained from **website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**
The last date for submission of tender in e-portal is **26.08.2024** upto **5.00 P M.**

Sd/-
Deputy Director, Backward Classes Welfare Department Bengaluru Urban District, Bengaluru
DIPR/CP/1102/Zen/2024-25

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Calendar Of Events: **1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಮತ್ತು ದಿನಾಂಕ:** ಉನಿಸಕಇಯಾ/ಲೆಕ್ಕ/ಸಿ.ಆರ್–/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ 26–07–2024 **2) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ:** ರೂ. 365.44 ಲಕ್ಷ **3) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾವತಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಇ.ಎಮ್.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ:** ರೂ. 5.48 ಲಕ್ಷ 4) ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ 26–07–2024 **5) ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು, ಆಸಕ್ತ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರಿಗೆ ಒದಗಿಸುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡುವುದು:** 26–07–2024 **6) ಪ್ರೀ–ಬಿಡ್ ದಿನಾಂಕ:** 08–08–2024 **7) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ ದಿನಾಂಕ:** 26–07–2024 **8) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ:** 16–08–2024 **9) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಲಕೋಟೆ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ:** 17–08–2024 **10) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಲಕೋಟೆ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:** 22–08–2024 **11) ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಳಾಸ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:** ಉಪ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಕಛೇರಿ ಸಮಾಜ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ "ಸಿ" ಬ್ಲಾಕ್ 2ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಡಳಿತ ಭವನ ಯಾದಗಿರಿ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08473–200741

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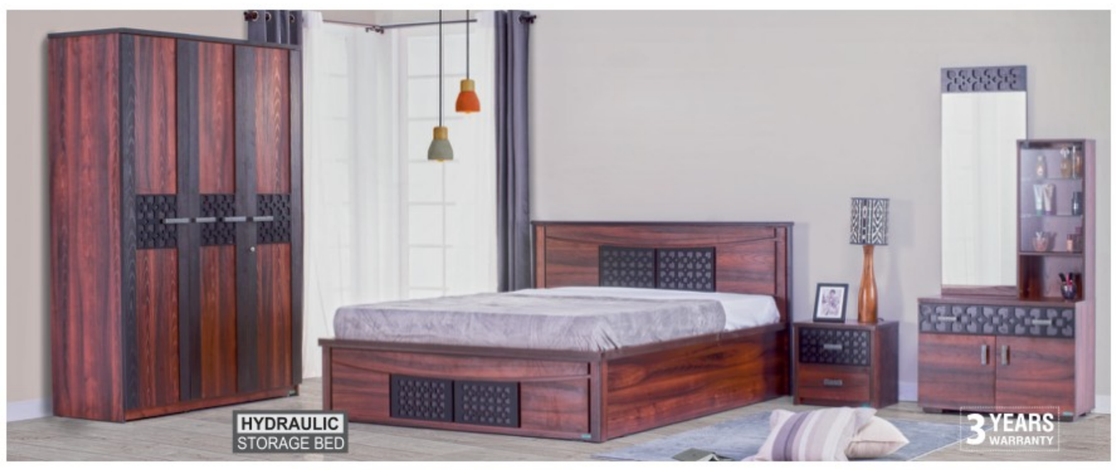

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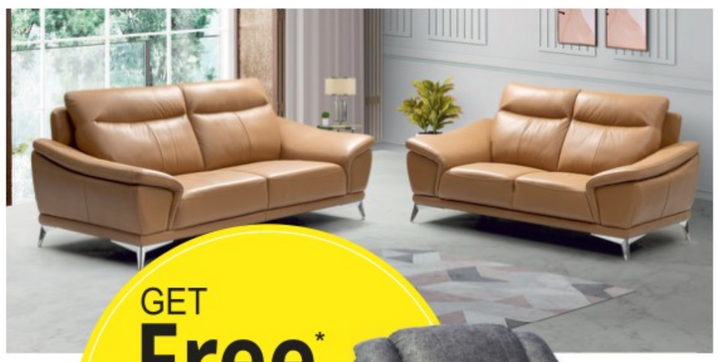

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Union Budget 2024: Real estate sees marginal benefits

Will the increased outlay for the government's credit-linked subsidy scheme revive the affordable housing segment, which has been on a decline since the pandemic?

REALTY

Anuj Puri

Covering a wide spectrum of Indian sectors, the first Union Budget of Modi 3.0 focused on MSMEs, employment, skilling, youth, and the middle class. Yet, the Budget as such has failed to address several concerns of the real estate sector, including direct incentives to boost the affordable housing sector.
It was widely anticipated that affordable housing will get a major boost in the current Budget because its performance has been on a decline.

With an eye on the housing needs of the urban poor and the middle class, the government has announced that it intends to construct an additional one crore homes under PMAY Urban 2.0 with an outlay of ₹10 lakh crore. It remains to be seen how effectively this would work for the benefit of those in the affordable housing segment.

Mega allocation for the Hyderabad-Bengaluru industrial corridor and Vizag-Chennai corridor will boost growth along these corridors and consequently boost real estate growth there.

MSME sector

The Finance Minister also tried to rejuvenate the MSME (Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) sector, which does have a multiplier effect on overall economic growth – with the implied positives for real estate being a collateral beneficiary of such growth.
The credit guarantee scheme for MSMEs will help provide impetus to overall industrial development, and this can have a rub-off effect on the real estate sector. The pandemic had a catastrophic impact on the MSME sector, which slowed down the demand for affordable housing from 2020. Affordable housing demand may gain momentum once the economic impact of the pandemic subsides for this target audience.

Affordable homes

This is certainly pertinent – the affordable homes category (less than ₹40 lakh) has been seeing a decline in overall sales since the pandemic, to approximately 19% in H1 2024 from over 38% in the period before the pandemic in 2019. Consequently, this segment's percentage share of the total housing supply in the top 7 cities also fell to 18% in H1 2024 from nearly 40% in 2019. Any boost to this vital segment is therefore welcome.
For individual taxpayers under the new tax regime, the increased standard deduction limit to ₹75,000 from the previous ₹50,000 along with the new income tax slabs implies savings, but hardly enough to boost housing demand.
With regards to the withdrawal of indexation benefits announced in the Budget, factors such as the amount of appreciation will determine whether the new tax (minus indexation) will be advantageous or disadvantageous for sellers.
It is best to consult a tax expert for this, but as it seems now, when the difference between the purchase price and the sale price (in a 10-year period) is higher (say, more than 2-2.5 times), then the new tax regime without indexation is more lucrative for the buyers.
However, when the difference between the purchase price and sale price is lower, then the old tax regime with indexation is more lucrative for the buyers.

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MUDA sites allotted to wife legal; Opposition is creating furore to sully my image: Siddaramaiah

The allotment of land does not attract provisions of the SCs and STs (Prohibition of Transfer of Certain Lands) Act as claimed by BJP and Janata Dal (S) leaders, says Chief Minister

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah reiterated on Friday that the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) had legally allotted 14 residential sites to his wife, Parvathi, in lieu of her land that was illegally acquired by the authority. The authority had accepted its "mistake", and a MUDA committee comprising members of BJP, JD(S), and Congress allotted alternative sites in 2021 during the tenure of the BJP government, he said.

The allotment of land does not attract provisions of the Karnataka Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prohibition of Transfer of Certain Lands) Act, known as the PTCL Act, as claimed by Opposition BJP and JD(S) leaders, he said, since it was originally bought in an auction.

Displaying documents: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah addressing a press conference in Bengaluru on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

During a two-hour-long press conference at the State Secretariat, armed with documents related to the property since 1935, the Chief Minister claimed that Opposition BJP and JD (S) had raised the issue inside and outside the State legislature as "political revenge" to sully his image and that of the Congress government. This comes a day after the Opposition submitted a petition to Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot seeking a direction to Mr. Siddaramaiah to resign over alleged irregularities in MUDA and announced a protest padayatra to Mysuru.

"My political life is an open book. Every page is transparent," the Chief Minister said.

Mr. Siddaramaiah explained that MUDA had allotted 38,284 sq. ft of land in Vijayanagar Layout in Mysuru to his wife for illegally acquiring 1.48 lakh sq. ft (three acres and 16 guntas) in Survey No. 464, at Kesare village in Mysuru taluk. MUDA had similarly allotted 1,328 alternative sites in the third and fourth stages of Vijayanagar Layout in Mysuru to various others as well, he pointed out.

The Chief Minister said, "We had not sought sites in any specific area. The MUDA board passed a resolution on the allotment of alternative sites. We had sought sites as per the law and MUDA allotted them as per rules."

History of case

Displaying documents, he said one Ninga secured the land in a public auction and the sale was confirmed on October 13, 1935. Later, the property was registered in the name of Devaraju, one of the three sons of Ninga. In 2004, Mallikarjuna Swamy, brother-in-law of Siddaramaiah, bought the land from Devaraju. In 2005, he submitted an application to the Deputy Commissioner of Mysuru for change of land use. Mr. Swamy gifted the land to Ms. Parvathi in 2010.

The Chief Minister said MUDA issued the final notification for acquiring the land in 1997. But a three-member committee headed by retired IAS officer V. Balasubramanian denotified the land, along with 18 others, in 1998, based on the recommendation of MUDA.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said that MUDA had illegally acquired his wife's property and distributed sites, developing a park and roads and she made an application before MUDA seeking alternative land. During the tenure of the BJP government, 14 alternative sites were allotted to her on October 25, 2021, as sanctioned by a MUDA committee comprising BJP, JD(S), and Congress members, S.A. Ramdas, G.T. Deve Gowda, and Marithibbe Gowda, respectively. Similarly, it allotted 1,328 sites to various persons.

The State government has constituted a one-man judicial commission, headed by a former judge of the High Court of Karnataka, P.N. Desai, to look into the allotment of sites by MUDA during 2006-2024, he said.

'MUDA gave sites to HDK, GTD, Vishwanath and others too'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To counter allegations by Opposition BJP and JD(S) of irregularities in the allotment of sites to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh released a list of beneficiaries that included Union Industries Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, JD(S) MLAs S.R. Mahesh and G.T. Deve Gowda, MLC C.N. Manje Gowda, and BJP MLC A.H. Vishwanath.

The MUDA allotted alternative sites in various locations and layouts in Mysuru to JD(S), BJP, and Congress leaders, including Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, he said.

Sitting beside the Chief Minister, Mr. Suresh told reporters that MUDA allotted an alternative site of 21,000 sq. ft to Mr. Kumaraswamy. Not satisfied, Mr. Kumaraswamy submitted another application seeking allotment of additional land by MUDA, he said. A couple of days ago, Mr. Mahesh denied allegations by the Congress that Mr. Kumaraswamy was a beneficiary of a MUDA site.

Mr. Suresh said Mr. Deve Gowda had been given two plots totalling 3.25 acres while Mr. Vishwanath had been allotted 0.5 acres. Mr. Mahesh had been allotted close to three acres of land by MUDA, Mr. Suresh said.

Untrue: Kumaraswamy

Responding to the allegations against him, Mr. Kumaraswamy in New Delhi said they were untrue. "I wrote to MUDA as recently as in 2017 to allot me the site for which I had paid ₹34,000 about 40 years ago. It was not given to me free. But I am yet to get that site."

Registration of Youth Cong. membership from August 16

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To create new leaders, the Congress will start a month-long membership registration drive and also hold internal elections in the Youth Congress from August 16, announced Deputy Chief Minister and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president D.K Shivakumar.

Addressing presspersons here on Friday, the KPCC president said although the submission of nomination papers started on July 24, he could not announce the drive as the legislature session was on.

"August 2 is the last date for submission of nomination papers and scrutiny will be done from August 3 to 8. Nominations will be finalised on August 9. The person who gets the highest number of votes will be elected as the Youth Congress president and the vice-president will be the runner-up based on the votes. The party will conduct an interview of the top three candidates," he said. Membership registration will be done from August 16 to September 16.

Gandhi as Cong. chief

To mark 100 years of Mahatma Gandhi becoming the Congress president, the party and the State government will hold a series of programmes. An advisory committee under the chairmanship of Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil and Congress leader M. Veerappa Moily to outline the programmes through which information will be given to the young generation about freedom struggle and sacrifices, the KPCC president said.

BJP's padayatra plan is a ploy to bring disrepute to Chief Minister: Shivakumar

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Friday came down heavily on the BJP and said the party was trying to tarnish the image of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah by planning a padayatra to protest against MUDA irregularities.

Addressing presspersons here, the Deputy Chief Minister said the BJP is a "master of scams and they are digging their own grave in this case". "Karnataka is the biggest State where the Congress is in power and hence they are trying to destabilise and bring it down at any cost. Their whole purpose is to bring disrepute to the Chief Minister. Let them do what they want, we will respond to it appropriately," he said.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar addressing a press conference in Bengaluru on Friday.

Pointing out that the State government is investigating the alleged multi-crore scam in the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Ltd., he said, "The BJP has sent its own agencies to investigate and create unnecessary trouble. Let them fight it out legally rather than trying to garner publicity and target people."

He said, "They are trying a similar trick in the MUDA case. The BJP and the JD(S) know that they are losing ground in the State and hence have joined hands to take out a padayatra. We will expose them."

'BJP failed as an Opposition party during session'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In an embarrassment to the BJP, Arvind Limbavali, former MLA, has hit out at his party and said its leaders "completely failed as the Opposition in this [legislature] session".

"The action of our party leaders, who did not utilise the opportunity and time in the House adequately, spent the whole session in vain and joined hands with the ruling party in curtailing the proceedings of the House when there was still one day left, is questionable... People have begun to speculate as to whether the Opposition is hand in glove with the ruling party. The protest against the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) in Mysuru also seemed like an eyewash," he said, adding that given this backdrop, BJP workers are concerned as to how effectively the party would organise pro-people struggles and protests in the coming days.

Arvind Limbavali

Yatnal's stand

This comes a day after senior BJP MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal, known for his opposition to BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra, questioned the padayatra the party has planned to Mysuru, over the alleged MUDA scam.

Taking objection to Mr. Vijayendra meeting Deputy Chief Minister and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D.K. Shivakumar, during the recent BJP MLAs' protest, Mr. Yatnal alleged an "understanding" between the two and asked if the padayatra to Mysuru was just an eyewash. He also said irregularities in MUDA should be probed and everyone involved, irrespective of the party, should be exposed and arrested, hinting at former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, though he did name him.

Mr. Limbavali was denied the ticket to contest the 2023 Assembly election from the Mahadevapura constituency in Bengaluru. The party gave the ticket to his wife and she won. He has been disgruntled in the party and has largely been sidelined. He said the BJP failed to raise people-centric issues such as floods, drought, and dengue during the session.

"It is regrettable that there is no rapport between our party president and the Opposition leader. The ruling party took full advantage of this," he said.

Kidwai hospital conducts first successful paediatric allogeneic bone marrow transplant

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State-run Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology (KMIO) has crossed a milestone by successfully completing the first paediatric matched sibling donor allogeneic bone marrow transplant (BMT) on a 14-year-old patient.

The girl, Archana (name changed), suffering from acute myeloid leukemia (a type of blood cancer) was admitted to Kidwai hospital about two months ago. Her father is a daily wage labourer and mother is a garment factory worker, whose Employees' State Insurance (ESI) scheme was utilised for the girl's cancer treatment.

Vasundhara Kailasnath, paediatric BMT physician at Kidwai, who along with a team of doctors performed the transplant, told *The Hindu* that the girl's cancer was refractory. "This means her cancer was resistant to conventional chemotherapy and had a very high chance of relapse. She presented with fever and severe fatigue. Luckily for this teenager, her younger brother was a complete genetic match (12/12 HLA match) and the transplant was done on June 12. The girl was discharged on Friday," the doctor said.

Medical Education and Skill Development Minister Sharan Prakash Patil and doctors interacting with the patient at Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology in Bengaluru.

First in govt. hospital

"We had to give her a high dose of chemotherapy before conducting the allogeneic BMT using the stem cells from her younger brother. While it usually takes 14-21 days for the stem cells to regenerate, in her case we achieved 100% success in 14 days. This is the first such transplant being done in a government set-up in the State," Dr. Kailasnath said.

Discharging the patient at Kidwai in the presence of Archana's parents and the team of doctors, Sharan Prakash Patil, Medical Education and Skill Development Minister, said the the transplant was successful and the girl is currently disease-free.

Expensive

The Minister said usually, in private hospitals, the cost of autologous transplants range from ₹7 lakh to ₹15 lakh and allogeneic BMTs cost about ₹15 lakh to ₹45 lakh. "KMIO has been successful in providing these BMTs at almost free of cost to patients by utilising the Prime Minister's Relief Fund, the Chief Minister's Relief Fund, SCP/TSP scheme, ESI, and CGHS schemes. In this case, the entire cost was covered under the ESI scheme," he said.

Kidwai administrator N. Manjushree said the need of the hour was to make BMT services easily available, accessible, and affordable to the diseased and vulnerable population of the State.

India Accessibility Summit today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government, in association with Ramaiah College of Law and the Association of People with Disability, is organising the India Accessibility Summit and State Commissioners for Persons with Disabilities conclave on Saturday. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, Chief Justice of India, will be the chief guest. Justice B.V. Nagaratna, Supreme Court judge, and Justice N.V. Anjaria, Chief Justice of the High Court of Karnataka, will be the guests of honour. The summit will be held at the West End Court, The Taj West End, from 10.30 a.m.

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The Time Schedule of Second Round of Online Counseling for UP NEET MDS-2024

In continuation of the time-table issued by Medical Counseling Committee (MCC), Government of India, New Delhi, for counseling of NEET MDS course, the time-table of Second round of online counseling for admission of state quote seats of MDS course in Government/Private Dental College/Universities of the State is as follows :-

S. No.	Description	Dates	Total Days
1.	Date of Online Registration	30th July 2024 (From 5:00 PM) to 2nd August 2024 (Till 11:00 AM)	03 days
2.	Date of Depositing registration fee and security Fee	30th July 2024 (From 5:00 PM) to 2nd August 2024 (Till 5:00 PM)	03 days
3.	Date of declaration of Merit List	02nd August 2024	01 days
4.	Date of online choice filling	03rd August 2024 (From 11:00 AM) to 06th August 2024 (Till 11:00 AM)	03 days
5.	Date of declaration of result of seat allotment	07th August 2024	01 days
6.	Date for downloading allotment letters and admission process	08th August 2024 to 12th August 2024	05 days
7.	Commencement of Academic session for MDS Courses	01st August 2024	

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Karnataka Cabinet approves renaming of Ramanagara district

Mr. Kumaraswamy, involved in a bitter turf war with Mr. Shivakumar, announced that the district would be named again as Ramanagara when they form the government in the State in the future.

On the criticism that the renaming was a ploy to appease the real estate lobby, Mr. Patil said: "If the property price increases, residents will only benefit." He insisted there was no personal interest of anyone in this decision. "The government thinks that the move will help the district reap the benefits of Brand Bengaluru," he said.

This decision would create multiple "Bengaluru" names around the State capital. While the new district will be called Bengaluru South, the Bengaluru Urban district has a Bengaluru South taluk, and there is also a Bengaluru Rural district.

Mr. Kumaraswamy told presspersons in Delhi that those who try to remove the name of "Rama" for their personal benefit would be destroyed. "Merely changing the name will not bring real estate benefits. Development activities in the district matters. The district will get back its name as Ramanagara in 2028 or even before that," he said.

Interestingly, Ramanagara town has been called by multiple times in the past. During the reign of Tipu Sultan, it was known as Shamserabad, which was renamed as Closepet after Sir Barry Close who played a major role in the siege of Srirangapatna. After Independence, during former Chief Minister and Union Minister Kengal Hanumanthaiya's time, it was named Ramanagara since it has Ramdevara Betta. When the district was carved out of Bengaluru Rural in 2007, it was named Ramanagara.

Disneyland-style amusement park near KRS gets Cabinet nod

The project is expected to cost ₹2,663 crore and will be taken up on PPP model

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU/MYSURU

The Disneyland-type amusement park near Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) in Mandya district, proposed by Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar about six years ago, received Cabinet approval on Friday. It would come up at an estimated cost of ₹2,663 crore on PPP model.

Apart from upgrading infrastructure for tourists, the concept of the park proposes cascades, boating lake, amphitheatre, statues, botanical garden, jungle boat ride, Meena Bazaar, laser show, projection wall, castle/view tower, doll museum, jungle track, water park, techno park, penguin zoo, roller coaster, indoor amusement park, sky bridge, wax museum, historical museum, and tree walk, among other things.

As per the proposal, 45 works have been proposed and the development will be on an area of 198 acres. The footfall to the amusement park is expected to be about 20,000 a day and estimated to grow at the rate of 7% per year. The construction period is four and a half years and the concession period (excluding construction period) is 30 years. The project implementation will be in three phases, as per details shared by the government.

The Brindavan Gardens, near Mysuru, which adjoins the Krishnaraja Sagar. FILE PHOTO

"The concept has been approved and the estimated price is only indicative," Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil told presspersons here on Friday. The private partner will be identified through tender for which expression of interest would be called, he added.

The project was first proposed in 2018 by Mr. Shivakumar during the 14-month Janata Dal (S)-Congress government headed, by H.D. Kumaraswamy. The grand statue proposed to be erected is that of the Cauvery which is expected to cost ₹184.85 crore.

A 125-ft.-tall statue had been proposed when the Disneyland-type amusement park was first proposed. The six-year-old proposal was revived by Mr. Shivakumar soon after the Congress government came to power in 2023. A Minister said that the cost of the project would depend on the private entity that would bag the tender.

KRRS opposes

The Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS) has opposed the State government's proposal to revive its 'Disneyland' project at KRS reservoir.

Addressing a press conference in Mysuru on Friday, KRRS leader Badagalapura Nagendra said the government had earlier dropped the project in the face of public opposition.

Mr. Nagendra said the KRRS will never accept the acquisition of fertile agricultural land around KRS for the purpose of setting up a park.

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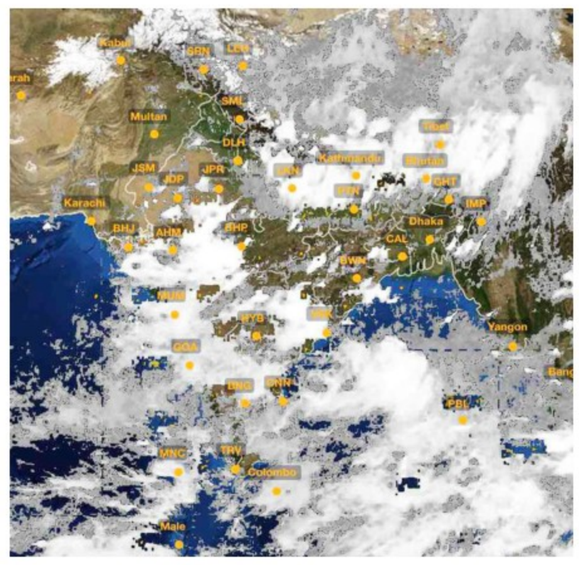

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Kochi	26	30.2	23.8	Tiruchi	—	36.7	27.6
Kohima	—	28.0	18.0	Vijayawada	—	32.7	27.2
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Chennai	2	8	62	122	106	
Delhi	.12	128	62	100	70	
Hyderabad	.11	6	27	59	62	
Kolkata	9	.62	22	32	50	
Lucknow	4	.27	86	33	76	
Mumbai	—	.70	70	20	50	
Pune	—	.31	58	26	28	
Visakhapatnam	.12	.41	20	37	76	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 178 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Kalyan, Maharashtra recorded a healthy AQI score of 17

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

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Shalini Rajneesh to succeed Rajaneesh Goel as Chief Secretary of Karnataka

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner Shalini Rajaneesh will succeed Rajaneesh Goel, who happens to be her husband, as the Chief Secretary of Karnataka. Mr. Goel is set to superannuate on July 31.

Shalini Rajneesh

The Cabinet approved her appointment on Friday. A notification in this regard was issued later in the day. "The Cabinet had given the power to the Chief Minister to decide on the next Chief Secretary. The Chief Minister on Friday proposed Ms. Rajaneesh's name and the Cabinet accepted it," Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil said.

A 1989 batch officer, Ms. Rajaneesh started her civil service career in Mangaluru as Assistant Commissioner. She will have a tenure of nearly three years.

Informal inter-departmental teams of Ministers could be formed soon to coordinate on subjects that would matter to more than one department.

This comes after the government faced embarrassment recently when Labour Minister Santosh Lad and IT and BT Minister Priyank Kharge did not see eye-to-eye over the proposal to increase the work hours to 14 hours a day in the IT sector.

The Bill to provide "flexibility" that was expected to be moved in this session did not come up after the "turf war". On Friday, the Cabinet is learnt to have discussed the issue. "The Cabinet felt that group of Ministers could be formed into a team to discuss matters that would concern more than one department. The team could bring better coordination," a senior Minister said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is intending to purchase the schedule mentioned property from its owner **Smt. SUMITHRA W/o. Sri. Srinivasa Reddy, r/at Muthasandra Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru-560 087.** The owner has represented that the schedule property is free from all encumbrances. Be it known, that if any person/s having any objections in respect of the schedule property they shall lodge their claim/objections with documentary proof to the undersigned within **7 (Seven) days** from the date of publication of this notice. In the absence of receipt of any legally, valid claim/objections within the aforesaid period, my client will proceed with the purchase of the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the immovable property **bearing Sy.No. 13/2, measuring 0-01.15(one point one five) Guntas out of 0-05 3/4 guntas,** situated at **Sorahunase Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk** and bounded on:

EAST BY : **Remaining Property in same number**
WEST BY : **Khudus Khan Land**
NORTH BY : **Venkataswamy Reddy land and Road**
SOUTH BY : **Remaining property in same number**

K. Mohan, Advocate,
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Mobile. No. 9845234925
Bangalore Dated : 26-07-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Mrs. B. LATHA Wife of Mr. Murtinath** has agreed to purchase vacant immovable property bearing Site No.149, having Property ID (PID) No. 6000005603, layout formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore, situated at Banashankari 6th Stage, 6th Block Layout, Bangalore, measuring East to West:12.00 Meter and North to South 9.00 Meter and totally measuring 108 SquareMeters more fully described in the schedule hereinafter referred as "SCHEDULE PROPERTY" from **Mrs. CHAYA GOPALASWAMY,** Aged about 70 Years, Wife of Sri. A.K. Gopala Swamy, and **Mr. CHINMAYA G ATHNI** Aged about 31 Years, Son of Sri. A.K. Gopalaswamy, both are Residing at No. 24/A, "BENAKA"Javaraya Garden, 4th Cross, Near Gangamma Temple, Thyagarajanagar 3rd Block, Bangalore 560028, If any person/s has/have any claims, right, title and/or interest in or upon the same, the same may be intimated to me within **10 days** from the date of this publication along with documents in support thereof. If no tenable objections are received within the said period, my client would proceed to complete the transaction, deeming that there are no claims or objections whatsoever.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of vacant immovable property bearing site No. 149, having Property ID (PID) No. 6000005603, layout formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore, situated at Banashankari 6th Stage, 6th Block Layout, Bangalore measuring East to West: 12.00 Meter and North to South 9.00 Meter and totally measuring 108 Square Meters and bounded on the:

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west by : Site No.169 and 170
North by : Site No.148
West by : Site No.150

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IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, COMMERCIAL COURT AT BANGALORE (CCH 86)

Com. O.S. No. 375/2024

BETWEEN:
The South Indian Bank Ltd.,
A Banking Company having its Registered Office at SIB House, T. B. Road, Thrissur-680001, Kerala, And a branch at Bengaluru No. 33/1, 7th Cross, Sampige Road, Malleswaram, Bengaluru-560 003.
Represented by its
Branch Manager **Mr. Jayson Joy,**
Email: **jaysonjoy@sib.co.in**
Mob:9864902455, IFSC : SIBL000
.....Plaintiff

Versus:
Mr. Akbar Ismail,
....Defendant

Summons / Notice through Paper Publication Application U/o V Rule 20(1)(A) R/W 151 CPC

Mr. Akbar Ismail S/o Ismail,
Aged about 35 years, Gadenahalli Village, Tharahunse Post, Jalahobli Bangalore-562157.
PAN: ADWP14477N

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By Order of the Court
Sd/- Sheristadar,
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Fiscal federalism

The ruling on taxing mineral rights opens up resource avenue for States

It is not often that fiscal federalism finds a prominent place in judicial discourse. The Supreme Court judgment, holding by an overwhelming majority of 8:1 that the States can tax mineral rights and mineral-bearing lands, is a truly landmark ruling, as it protects their legislative domain from interference by Parliament. For decades, it was believed that the States were denuded of their power to impose any tax on mineral resources extracted from their land because of the prevalence of a central law, the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957. Even though the right to tax mineral rights is conferred on the States through Entry 50 in the State List of the Seventh Schedule, it was made "subject to any limitations imposed by Parliament by law relating to mineral development". The Union government argued that the very existence of its 1957 law was a limitation on the States' power to tax mineral rights, but Chief Justice of India, Dr. D.Y. Chandrachud, writing for the Bench, examined the Act's provisions to conclude that it contained no such limitation. The royalty envisaged by the 1957 Act was held to be not a tax at all. The Union was hoping that once royalty was accepted as a tax, it would wholly occupy the field and thus remove the States' scope for taxing mineral rights. However, the Court chose to see royalty as a contractual consideration for enjoyment of mineral rights. Also, it ruled that States could tax mineral-bearing lands under Entry 49, a general power to tax lands.

Proponents of fiscal federalism and autonomy will particularly welcome the fact that the judgment opens up a significant new taxation avenue for the States, and the observation that any dilution of the taxation powers of the States would adversely affect their ability to deliver welfare schemes and services to the people. However, Justice B. V. Nagarathna, in her dissent, argues that if the Court did not recognise the central law as a limitation on the State's taxation powers, it would have undesirable consequences as States would enter into an unhealthy competition to derive additional revenue, resulting in an uneven and uncoordinated spike in the cost of minerals; and purchasers of minerals paying too much, leading to an increase in the price of industrial products. Further, the national market may be exploited for arbitrage. Given these implications, it is possible that the Centre may seek to amend the law to impose explicit limitations on the States' taxation power or even prohibit them from imposing a tax on mineral rights. However, such a move may result in mining activities being left wholly out of the tax net, as the majority has also held that Parliament lacks the legislative competence to tax mineral rights.

Special relationship

The broad national consensus on Israel in the U.S. is slowly breaking up

On the eve of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's visit to Washington, the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) issued a new evacuation order, asking Palestinians to leave several neighbourhoods of the southern Gaza city of Khan Younis, including areas that had earlier been designated as a humanitarian zone. When Mr. Netanyahu addressed a joint session of the U.S. Congress in Washington on Wednesday, more than 39,000 Palestinians, a vast majority of them women and children, had already been killed in Gaza by the IDF in less than 10 months. At least 90,000 Palestinians have been wounded and nearly the entire population of the enclave has been displaced, some of them several times. Dozens of journalists have been killed. Private charities, UN aid workers, hospitals, ambulances, and even tent camps of the displaced have been bombed. Gaza, besieged by the IDF, does not have enough food, water, or medicines. The UN, which has repeatedly tried to draw the world's attention to the suffering of Palestinians, now warns of epidemics. Two UN Security Council resolutions called for a ceasefire in Gaza. There have been two rulings from the International Court of Justice, which is hearing a case of genocide, against Israel's conduct of the war. None of this seems to bother the U.S. lawmakers, who applauded Mr. Netanyahu throughout his speech.

Without the U.S.'s political and military support, Mr. Netanyahu's government would not have been able to fight such a disastrous war, which was triggered by Hamas's attack on October 7, 2023, in Israel, killing 1,200 people. More than 100 people taken hostage on October 7 are still in Hamas's captivity, which Israel cites as the reason for the continuation of the war. But in the name of fighting Hamas, Israel has been punishing the entire Palestinian population in Gaza. Officials of the Biden administration have voiced concerns over civilian casualties. But besides the verbal protestations, Washington has done little to force Israel to act. Worse, the U.S. continues to provide military assistance to Israel. Yet, there are underlying tensions in the relationship. The protests in Washington while Mr. Netanyahu was speaking at Congress point to the growing public criticism of his war and America's support for it. The welcome Mr. Netanyahu received at Congress shows that he has the support of the elites. But the protest on the streets and the dissenting voices even among lawmakers suggest that the national consensus on Israel is eroding in the U.S.

Using children's personal data legally and securely

The Indian school education system is one of the most expansive ecosystems in the world. Composed of approximately 15 lakh schools, 97 lakh teachers, and nearly 26.5 crore students enrolled from the pre-primary to higher secondary levels, it boasts of stakeholders from varied socioeconomic backgrounds.

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Research Fellow at the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy

Collecting information

To realise its objective of managing the wide-ranging education system in India in a sound manner, the Ministry of Education conceived of the UDISE+ platform in 2018. The UDISE+ plays a crucial role in collecting and exchanging real-time information on school infrastructure, teachers, student enrolment, and academic performance. This allows the Ministry to curate outcome-based policies to enhance the quality of education in India. By improving the process of resource allocation and the monitoring of educational programmes, UDISE+ is also notably utilised to map educational trends. The objective of strengthening administration and optimising service delivery is charted out as the ultimate goal of this exercise.

In terms of the National Education Policy 2020, the Ministry also introduced the Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry identification (APAAR). This serves as a unique identifier of a given student. This facilitates the collation of academic credentials of students at one place. The demographic information per user so collected includes Aadhaar information, obtained vide a voluntary consent-based mechanism.

Measures are being introduced to enhance ease of schooling, which necessitate linking of APAAR and UDISE+. Steps to automate student admissions, in turn, to reduce dropout rates during the transitional phases and enhance opportunities for continuing education, fall within the umbrella of such ease of schooling measures.

Entities such as DigiLocker and ed-tech companies frequently collaborate with State governments. They consequently form integral constituents of the modern education system. Interlinking of UDISE+ and APAAR, in the manner explained above, exposes student data amassed to such actors in the educational ecosystem. The Education Ministry commendably formulated a data-sharing policy for school education and literacy in 2020. However, this is yet to be updated to reflect the regulatory overhauls post the enactment of the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023. In the absence of clear regulations or minimum standards (importantly, for ed-tech players), their compliance with the Act comes under question.

> Adherence to the principles of data privacy and data minimisation is particularly pertinent given the sensitive nature of children's personal data

There are numerous potential pressure points wherein non-compliance of the involved actors may materialise. For instance, there is limited guidance on what constitutes verifiable parental consent. Consent from parents for minors' data, sought under the UDISE+/APAAR regime, may violate this requirement. Moreover, the DPDP Act emphasises the importance of collecting personal data for specified legitimate purposes only. Sharing children's data under UDISE+ for a purpose incremental to the authorised one could violate this statutory requirement. The Ministry acknowledged the benefits of sharing student data at a national scale – for instance, to track intra- and/or inter-State student migration. Streamlining the system to manage educational records efficiently is therefore critical. Notably, the DPDP Act sanctions a specific and voluntary consent-based mechanism. The specific and voluntary nature of consent required (for purposes like the above) is clinching.

The three-part test

The Supreme Court recognised the right to privacy as a fundamental right in *Justice K.S. Puttaswamy (Retd.) v. Union of India* (2018) and laid down the three-part test against which state action must be adjudged. This test is deployed to assess the impact of state action on the right to privacy of citizens. The three conditions stipulated under this test are: (i) there exists a legitimate state interest in restricting the right; (ii) such restriction is necessary and proportionate to achieve the interest; and (iii) the restriction is imposed/effected by law. Aadhaar integration in APAAR/UDISE+ must comply with these three prongs. Due caution is also a prerequisite to counter potential cases of data thefts and cyber breaches. Adherence to the principles of data privacy and data minimisation is particularly pertinent given the sensitive nature of children's personal data.

The need for specific protocols

Regarding exchange of personal data of children for an unspecified purpose, integration of third parties (such as entities like DigiLocker, etc.) could also raise doubts on the role thereof. Identification of actors who qualify as data fiduciary, data processor, and data principal, would be required from a liability affixation standpoint. This is a complex task and is presently not being undertaken. Although the privacy policy for APAAR dictates certain data security, aggregation, third party integration, retention requirements, sharing of personal data of children for an unmentioned purpose may require specific protocols, which are absent.

Additionally, both the data policy and the annual report emphasise on the absence of any legal liability of the Ministry in respect of disclosure/accuracy of the data shared onto UDISE+. Further, the privacy policy directs grievances received to a grievance officer. However, there is no clarity on the manner in which the legal liability is affixed or practically incurred. This exhibits a blatant lack of a grievance redressal forum and mechanism for the data principals whose personal data is collected and exchanged under APAAR.

Queries regarding interoperability, consent, and grievance redressal abound. Standard operating procedures, both technical and legal, under an overarching governance framework are a pressing priority. Such protocols will facilitate preservation of data authenticity and prescription of legal obligations for stakeholders concerned. Hopefully, this will also help further a conscientious spirit in the actors for sharing, using, and retaining personal data of children, lawfully and securely.

A new push in the Bay of Bengal

India hosted the 2nd BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) Foreign Ministers' Retreat in New Delhi earlier this month with a focus on providing an "informal platform to discuss ways and means of cooperating and accelerating action in security, connectivity, trade, and investment within the Bay of Bengal." The retreat was held in preparation for the sixth summit meeting, scheduled for September, in which the BIMSTEC leaders will meet in person for the first time in the post-pandemic era. They are also expected to sign the BIMSTEC Agreement on Maritime Transport Cooperation to improve regional connectivity – a foundational aim of this grouping.

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Strengthening ties with eastern neighbours

BIMSTEC is the regional organisation devoted to the Bay of Bengal, with a membership of five South Asian and two Southeast Asian countries, cooperating across seven diverse sectors. It allows New Delhi to engage multilaterally with the other countries of the Bay of Bengal region, which are its eastern neighbours and therefore vital for its economic development, security, and foreign policy imperatives. India also remains intent on solidifying relations with its eastern neighbours as China's growing presence in the Bay of Bengal poses a potential threat to regional stability and New Delhi's position as a preferred security partner in these waters.

Strengthening ties with Bangladesh and Myanmar accords India the advantage of providing its landlocked north-eastern region with access to the sea. Improved ties with Myanmar and Thailand will also lend India the opportunity to have a more profound presence in the Indo-Pacific, as it holds the ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations), in which these two countries are members, to be of central importance in its vision of the Indo-Pacific. Thailand reinforced this idea at the retreat by identifying itself as a bridge between BIMSTEC and ASEAN. These priorities were reflected in the opening address by the Minister for External Affairs, S. Jaishankar, when he stated that BIMSTEC represents the intersection of India's 'Neighbourhood First' outlook, the 'Act East Policy', and the SAGAR (Security And Growth for All in the Region) vision.

> The intent of BIMSTEC member states to push forth with a bold vision for the region was evident at the 2nd Foreign Ministers' Retreat

Two parts of the retreat

The retreat was divided into two parts. In the first segment, participants assessed the current state of regional cooperation within BIMSTEC, building on a presentation by India on the implementation of key outcomes of the 1st Retreat. Multiple ideas were shared by the member states including the establishment of Centers of Excellence in member states, focusing on Agriculture, Disaster Management, and Maritime Transport. India announced support for cancer research, treatment, and issuance of e-visas for patients of all BIMSTEC states, while Sri Lanka proposed the inclusion of kidney disease. The need for involving the private sector in trade and promoting young entrepreneurs was also highlighted, as was the importance of connectivity, cyber-security, and countering the trafficking of narcotics and illegal arms.

In the second session, the expectations of each country from the forthcoming summit were discussed. Sri Lanka underscored the need to map mineral resources found in abundance in the BIMSTEC countries and create opportunities for the vertical integration of stages of production within specific sectors in the economies of the countries, enabling them to diversify their production structure. Bangladesh highlighted the need for cooperation in the Blue Economy and urged member states to ban fishing during the breeding season to address the problem of depleting catch in the Bay. Bhutan expounded on the need for collaboration in tourism and cultural exchanges, while Nepal highlighted its 'whole of the region' approach to leverage synergies among member states and transform BIMSTEC into a results-oriented regional forum. Thailand underscored the need for cooperation in non-traditional security domains, and Myanmar added the need to combat online scamming to the list. These proposals will be presented to the heads of state before the September summit.

Bilateral merits

While the retreat was a multilateral milestone for India, it had its bilateral merits too. Mr. Jaishankar met several of his counterparts on the sidelines. He shared with Myanmar India's concerns over the flow of displaced persons, narcotics, and arms across the border and urged for the return of unlawfully detained Indians. He also held a meeting with the Bangladesh Foreign Minister, who requested him to ensure the smooth supply of daily essentials and send a technical team for the Teesta project, signifying another step towards easing this long-pending concern. At the end of the retreat, the Foreign Ministers called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

This year marks a decade of India's Act East and Neighbourhood First policies, and the thrust on BIMSTEC is a manifestation of New Delhi's efforts to continue nurturing collaborative growth for national and regional well-being. Thus, Mr. Jaishankar encouraged future collaborations through new energies, resources, and a renewed commitment to cooperation.

It remains to be seen how many of these proposals find culmination at the forthcoming Summit but the intent of the member states to push forth with a bold vision for the region was clearly evident at the retreat.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supreme Court verdict

This is a landmark verdict that will have a far-reaching impact on the federal structure of the Constitution ("States have unlimited right to tax mineral-rich lands: SC," July 26). The Union government has often been in the news for stifling the powers of the States. Limiting the power of the States to impose taxes has been held unconstitutional. It is hoped that this order will enable the States to exercise their powers freely and function in the spirit of federalism.

S.V. Venkatakrishnan
San Jose, California

This judgment will go a long way in improving the fiscal plight of States. Many of them have been unhappy with the Central government. There are constant battles over funds. The Supreme Court's decision has come as a blessing for the mineral-rich States.

P.K. Sharma
Barnala

Visit to Russia

The U.S.'s criticism of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Russia is a brazen attempt to browbeat India into toeing its line on global affairs ("India rejects U.S. criticism of Modi's Russia visit," July 26). India is an independent, sovereign, democratic republic and has every right to choose its friends. It is free to formulate its strategy to safeguard its own interests, as other countries do. India has rightly rejected the U.S.'s criticism.

Ravi Mathur
Noida

Mind your language

Donald Trump has used unparliamentary language to describe U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris ("Trump attacks Kamala Harris, calls her 'lunatic'," July 26). This is unbecoming of a former President. Mr. Trump has every right to be critical of the current government's domestic and foreign policies, but he cannot indulge in character assassination.

Rajamani Chelladurai
Tirunelveli

Job crisis

Is it wrong for Kannadigas to ask for a fair share in the State's job pool? ("The Karnataka Bill is a symptom of a larger problem," July 26). Rising unemployment is a serious issue for the youth in India, so many migrate to regions which have jobs. South India is often seen as a beacon of hope for both skilled and unskilled youth from the north and elsewhere. But this is also becoming a problem for locals. Where can they migrate to if jobs are scarce elsewhere? Asking for a share of the jobs in their own State is a fair demand.

H.N. Ramakrishna
Bengaluru

The Karnataka government will not only face challenges in implementing this Bill, but will also have to deal with questions about how it affects national unity. If all the States start adopting similar measures, it would foster regionalism and erode the principle of equal opportunity. Such laws could weaken national integrity. They may also face legal challenges for violating constitutional principles of equality and freedom of employment.

Narayanan Kizhumundayur
Thrissur

Inadequate allocation

The budgetary provision of ₹1,112.57 crore for the provision of Kavach is negligible and shows how much the government cares about the lives of passengers. As The Hindu Data Point had shown (June 25), it costs about ₹45,000 crore to implement the system across all tracks and in all engines. It is unclear why the government is allocating only this much, especially given the frequency of Railway accidents. It seems keen on only providing more Vande Bharat trains, which are beyond the reach of the common man.

T.M. Uday Shankar
Hyderabad

Corrections & Clarifications

Banni is a vast grassland in the *northern* part of Kutch and not *southern* part as mentioned in both the caption and text of a report, "Grasslands in Kutch likely to host cheetahs from Africa" (July 25, 2024)

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Omkar Dinanath, a resident of Kathua's Saida village, was fired upon by militants. He sustained a bullet injury in the arm. IMRAN NISSAR

Fighting militants in the mountains

This year, officials recorded the highest militant footprint in Jammu region since 2005. Insurgents have revived old infiltration routes and set up base in the Pir Panjal and Chenab valleys, seeking cover in dense forests and caves. **Peerzada Ashiq** reports on the worries and challenges of the security forces in tackling this problem

It has been 45 days since 20-year-old Abishek Badkali's father, Amarjit Sharma, a chemist, was murdered at night in Mela village in Kathua district of Jammu division. His family and the residents of Mela are still in shock. They have near heard of brutal murders taking place in this region, located in the lush green Shivalik hills in the outer Himalayas.

A charpoy lies at the entrance of the single-storey house of the family. This is where the family – Abishek, his mother, and sister – gather for some respite from the unbearably hot rooms inside. The backyards of the small cluster of houses in Mela village are dotted with the deciduous Khair trees, and Chir pines; the forest stretches out ahead. Venturing deep into them could be dangerous for many, but for militants, whose presence has been increasing in the region, the density provides cover and security.

Abishek, a science graduate, says his father, 49, left the house at 10 p.m. for a walk on June 9. "I was relaxing on the terrace. When he didn't return, we called him on his phone, but he didn't answer. When we started searching for him on the narrow track leading to the forest, we saw him lying dead on the ground, with his face towards the surface. There was a deep, long cut on his neck," he says.

The residents of Mela are certain that militants killed their beloved "doctor sahib". "We all suspect that my father spotted the local guide of the militants. They may have killed him to ensure that the identity of the guide does not get revealed," says Abishek.

After the dilution of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) in 2019, which ended the special status of the erstwhile State, more and more militants have been entering Jammu, according to senior security officials. They say this is "a deliberate and desperate bid to destabilise the region after the abrogation of Article 370 integrated J&K into the mainstream."

The government believed that militancy had ended in the Jammu region by 2005 after security forces had launched major operations. In 2020, however, 18 militants were killed in the area. In 2021, militants made the Pir Panjal valley, comprising Rajouri and Poonch in Jammu division, their new base and began attacking Army camps and convoys, especially in Dera Ki Gali and Bhata Dhurian.

Now, militancy has spilled over into the Doda, Ramban, and Kishtwar districts in Chenab valley in Jammu division. Twelve security personnel, including 11 soldiers from the Army, were killed this year in the Jammu division. So were five militants. Fourteen militant attacks were reported in June and July alone this year – nearly one every four days. Security officials describe the Pir Panjal and the Chenab valleys as "Jammu's Tora Bora", the mountain ranges in Afghanistan where al-Qaeda survived for years.

Kathua, a transit route

On June 11, two days after Amarjit Sharma's body was recovered, two militants surfaced in Saida village, just 10 kilometres away. They knocked on the shutters of a *kirana* shop that sells basic necessities, such as oil, salt, and spices.

"I was sleeping on the floor when I heard them knock," says 62-year-old Maniram Sharma, the owner. "I saw two boys in their 20s with guns. One sported a short beard. The other had shaven his moustache. They asked for water. Before they came to me, I had heard a loud bang. I heard later that they had opened fire nearby. I noticed that they had a Lahori accent, which is used on the other side of Punjab (Pakistan)."

> Militants have revived old infiltration routes in Jammu region, especially using the International Border
> Senior police officer

According to locals, the militants had opened fire in the village. One unidentified militant died after a grenade exploded in his hand. Another, who ran towards the forest and later killed a jawan of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), was killed in a 15-hour-long anti-militancy operation, carried out jointly by the J&K Police and the CRPF. The militants also opened fire on civilian houses. Omkar Dinanath, a civilian, was hit in the arm and carries a scar. The incident has also left a bullet mark on the wall of his house.

Since the encounter, the residents of Saida return home early and are suspicious of outsiders. "People have grown fearful. We are poor. We have to tend fields and cattle to survive," says Shankar Chand, a resident of Saida.

The police recovered knives from the militants at the encounter site. They have sent them to the forensic science laboratory to determine whether one of these was used to kill Amarjit Sharma.

"Even at the peak of militancy in J&K (in the 1990s) and in Punjab (mid-1980s to the mid-1990s), we never encountered a gunman in Saida village. The government must find a political solution to end militancy," says Maniram.

Located around 20 km from the International Border (IB) between India and Pakistan, Saida village, much like many other villages in Kathua, is being used as a transit route by militants from Pakistan, say police officials. They describe how militants dig tunnels and enter the region.

On July 5, a farmer stumbled on one such tunnel in Thangli village in the Hiranagar sector of Kathua, when the water from his farmland started draining only at one point, 500 metres away from the border. Security forces have started a major exercise on the IB to detect underground tunnels but admit that it "is humanly impossible to sanitise the entire region" on a daily basis.

Kathua, a Hindu-majority district, is adjacent to Punjab. The police say the militants use the area to fan out into nearby districts such as Doda, which has become the new battleground.

That militants are shifting their base is nothing new in Kashmir. In the last three decades, militant commanders have shifted their base from north Kashmir to central Kashmir and later to south Kashmir. However, security agents say they did not think that the militants would shift to districts where they have little local support.

"Militants have revived old infiltration routes in Jammu region, especially using the IB, in Kathua and Samba. And also in Punjab. These routes were active during the Punjab militancy, which impacted Jammu too, and also during the peak of Kashmir militancy. All these routes had dried up by 2000 due to the efforts of security forces," says a senior police official, who recently attended a high-level inter-State meeting of top officials of the Army, Border Security Force, and police from J&K and Punjab, in Kathua.

Abishek Badkali's father, Amarjit Sharma, a chemist, was murdered at night in Mela village in Kathua district of Jammu division. IMRAN NISSAR

A challenging terrain

A Jammu-based Army officer says the highest militant footprint in Jammu region since 2005 has been recorded this year. "The terrain is being used by terrorists to their advantage. It is a challenging situation, but we are prepared to defeat them," he says.

Security agencies say this is "a deliberate move to achieve certain strategic goals including raising the cost of the conflict by forcing troop de-induction (the withdrawal of troops from conflict areas) and re-induction (redeployment of troops where trouble resurfaces) processes, subverting troop thinning exercises, and shifting focus from the Ladakh front".

The Army has re-inducted more than 700 soldiers this month. It has stepped up patrolling in the Pir Panjal and Chenab valleys. It also uses drones to patrol the dense forests. An official says a tip-off about the presence of militants from the upper reaches of the Doda mountain region takes the Army anywhere between six hours to a few days to reach the spot. The mountain slopes are sparsely populated and dotted with caves, which the militants use for shelter.

The forest area in Jammu is eight times the size of Delhi. Militants who were dominating the Pir Panjal valley, a mix of coniferous and deciduous forests, between 2020 and 2023 are shifting towards higher peaks and the forests of the Chenab valley, says a senior police official.

"The upper reaches in the Pir Panjal and Chenab valleys are far away from the roads. It takes the Army days to patrol these pockets by foot and return to their bases," the Army officer says.

In Doda, the mountains are 1,200-1,500 ft high. The militants have been spotted in the upper reaches of the Bhalessa, Chattergala, and Dessa forests. "This arc has provided strategic depth to militants," says a senior police official.

"They are operating from the upper ridges. The presence of nomads in the upper reaches in summer makes it easy for the militants to fetch food. They keep changing their locations. They get to know about the Army's movement because of their positions," says a senior police officer, who led anti-militancy operations in the Doda belt in the recent past.

Doda was a hub for militants in the 1990s. According to police data, 118 locals have shifted to Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir since the 1990s. The police have begun to re-open old cases against locals and seal the houses of suspected active militants. Such action has pushed many people who joined the mainstream back to the margin, say residents.

Change in modus operandi

Jammu is witnessing a dynamic shift in militancy. According to Army officials, terrorists no longer engage the security forces in a stand-off fire, but lay an ambush with the intention of killing them and fleeing from the spot. "They are highly trained in jungle warfare," says an Army officer.

The arrest of two locals – Nissar Ahmad, 56, a resident of Rajouri's Gursai, in April 2023; and Hakam Din, 40, a resident of Rajouri's Bandhrahi, in June this year – gave officials an idea about the modus operandi of the militants. Ahmad allegedly hosted a group of them, who later carried out an attack in Dangri that left seven civilians dead in January 2023. Din allegedly sheltered a group of militants who were responsible for the attack in Reasi in June, which left nine pilgrims dead and more than 33 people injured. Ahmad, the father of two schoolgoing children, has also been accused of ferrying weapons for the militants. He had militant links in the 1990s, but stayed silent all these years, the police say.

According to the police, militants do not rely on locals for shelter for a long period of time; they remain on the move. There is growing evidence that the militants use mobile apps like Alpine, which trekkers use, to cover steep slopes of mountains, without accessing the Internet.

Din did not have any association with militants earlier, but hosted the Reasi attackers. He admitted that he informed the militants about the movement of the pilgrims' bus, say the police. In fact, he stayed in the area where the attack took place, in Teryath village near Shiv Khori area, to provide a cue to the attackers about the movement of the bus, say the police. "Din's role went beyond providing shelter. His ideological inclination too is under investigation," says another senior police officer.

Both Din and Ahmad belong to the Gujjar community. A police officer says the support network for the militants could increase because of various factors, such as increasing polarisation between Hindus and Muslims. The Gujjars feel alienated after a new reservation policy included the Paharis, who, they believe, are a linguistic group and well-off. Growing unemployment could also push more Gujjars into the support network, he says. The Rajouri-Poonch belt is home to around 11 lakh Gujjars and Bakerwals. Hundreds of them have been rounded up for questioning in the past three years, especially around areas where militants attacked security forces. Army officials say they have set up special mobile schools, and medical patrols for Gujjars, Bakerwals, and even their livestock, "to reach out to the population".

From across the border

Police officials also worry that the effects of the United States' withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2020 will spill over into J&K.

"In the past, locals would mostly say Urdu and Punjabi-speaking militants passed by or stayed with them. Sometimes, Pashto-speaking militants roamed the forests too. Whether they are from Afghanistan or Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (a province in Pakistan close to Afghanistan) has to be investigated," says another senior police officer.

Officials point out that the increasing use of U.S.-made M4 carbine, steel bullets, guns fitted with night thermal cameras, Glock and Beretta pistols, Austria-made Steyr AUG rifles, and Turkey-made rifles indicate this spillover.

"Handling guns fitted with night thermal cameras requires a higher degree of training. Those are not like pistols or AK rifles, which are easier to fire from," says a police officer.

"Most active militants have also changed the way they dress. Khan suits and Afghan headgear are hardly found in the photos that were recovered during investigation. The militants don't have flowing beards. A militant roams around the way an Army trooper would. It is hard to differentiate the two," he adds.

With winter approaching in a few months, the upper reaches will be covered in snow and will turn hostile for the militants. Security agencies fear that the militants will come down the mountains, which could mean more encounters. "Our bigger worry is that they may recruit locals in the Doda belt. That could prove disastrous. It is a hard-earned peace in Doda for security agencies. But the high unemployment rate, inflation, and polarisation could all be exploited by them. We need to take measures now," says a police officer.

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SC to examine if Governors are 'subverting' federalism

The court issued notice to the Additional Secretary to the Kerala Governor and the Home Ministry.

"The actions of the Governor subvert the delicate balance envisaged by the Constitution between the three organs of State, by rendering the functioning of the elected executive, which has drafted and introduced the Bills, and then the State Legislature, which has passed the Bills, wholly ineffective and otiose. The actions of the Governor also subvert the federal structure of the Constitution, by reserving for the President (acting on the aid and advice of the Union Cabinet) Bills which are wholly within the domain of the State under the Constitution," the State of Kerala argued.

"This is a sad state of affairs. The Supreme Court should step in and tell the Governor when they can refuse Bills and when they can refer them to the President... Otherwise, the Constitution is being rendered otiose," Mr. Venugopal addressed the Bench.

The court similarly issued notice to the Home Ministry and the Secretary to the West Bengal Governor on a separate petition filed by the State government, which said the Governor's omissions "defeats" democratic good governance.

The Chief Justice asked Mr. Venugopal, Mr. Gupta and senior advocate A.M. Singhvi, appearing for the State of West Bengal along with advocate Astha Sharma, to meet and frame the legal issues to be decided by the court.

"The Governor would act on the Bills before every Supreme Court listing... some of the Bills are cleared... It is as if the Supreme Court has to push them," Mr. Singhvi, who had appeared for Tamil Nadu in a separate case, recalled.

Mr. Venugopal said the reference to the President was like an escape route to avoid taking any decisions.

"The President, which would effectively mean the Council of Ministers aiding and advising the President, has not given any reason whatsoever for withholding assent for four out of the seven Bills reserved by the Governor. This is a highly arbitrary action, violating Article 14 (right to equality) of the Constitution, as well as Article 200 (procedure for granting assent to Bills) and 201 (procedure regarding Bills reserved for consideration of the President)," the Kerala petition said.

SC extends stay on order to shops

"It is a requirement by law. Your Lordships' order staying it violates the Central law," Mr. Rohatgi claimed. "Then enforce it all across and not in only certain areas. You can file an affidavit showing you have enforced it everywhere," Justice Roy retorted. Mr. Rohatgi asked for an early date for a detailed hearing of the case, possibly next week.

Uttarakhand Deputy Advocate General Jatinder Kumar Sethy said that similar directives were issued in "all festivals". He added that the directive was an antidote against "law and order problems". Justice Roy said that the court had not stopped any shopkeeper from voluntarily displaying his name. The Bench said the order was only meant as a safeguard against authorities compelling shopkeepers to put up nameplates.

Senior advocate A.M. Singhvi, for Lok Sabha MP Mahua Moitra, submitted that Uttar Pradesh, in its affidavit, "accepts the discriminatory nature of the directives, but adds that it is only temporary".

Scrap NITI Aayog as it has not served any purpose: Mamata

The West Bengal CM says the body did little except organise annual meetings; she calls for the Planning Commission to be restored as it provided a discussion platform to State governments

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A day before the meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee called for "scrapping" the body claiming that it had little use other than that of organising annual meetings.

Six Opposition Chief Ministers are skipping the meeting protesting the alleged bias in the Union Budget which they claim, only catered to the NDA-ruled States. Ms. Banerjee and her Jharkhand counterpart Hemant Soren are the only Opposition Chief Ministers who are expected to attend the meeting.

"I will be there for some time. If they allow us to record our voice, will record. Or else will protest and come out of the meeting. I will try to speak on behalf of my State," Ms. Banerjee told reporters before leaving for New Delhi.

Ms. Banerjee said the Planning Commission provided a platform for the State governments, but with NITI Aayog, there was no "hope or scope". "I will tell them that NITI Aayog needs to be scrapped. Please bring the Planning Commission again," she said, while adding that the erstwhile body had laid the roadmap for the development of the country as a whole and the States.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee with Trinamool Congress leader Abhishek Banerjee in Kolkata on Friday. PTI

To several questions on why the Trinamool Congress decided to attend the meeting when other Opposition Chief Ministers were boycotting it, Ms. Banerjee said she had confirmed her presence almost a week before the INDIA bloc decided to skip the meeting in protest.

She also underlined that she came to know about the INDIA bloc's decision to boycott the meeting, only through media reports. Her statement is at odds with the fact that Trinamool leaders were part of the meeting where this idea was first mooted. "They [NITI Aayog] had asked for my speech even before the Budget came," Ms. Banerjee said.

Expressing her disappointment with the Union Budget, she said it was "anti-poor" and "anti-people".

When asked if she thought that West Bengal would have got special packages and more funds had the Trinamool aligned with the BJP, she said: "I cannot compromise on my ideology and can't deviate from my commitment, whether it suits or not. We are not beggars."

MGNREGA funds

In the case of West Bengal, she pointed out that the Centre has not given funds for several rural development schemes such as MGNREGA for which the State government, she said, had to bear even the Centre's share.

A total of ₹1.71 lakh crore of the State's dues remain unpaid by the Centre, she claimed.

"Even our food subsidy has been withdrawn," she added, while pointing out that the government has been insisting on branding all centrally-sponsored schemes with the Centre's stamp.

(With inputs from Shiv Sahay Singh)

Remarks on 'division of West Bengal' lead to uproar in House

The Hindu Bureau
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Speaker did not allow Kalyan Banerjee to raise the matter contending that Majumdar's comments were not made in the House

The Lok Sabha was briefly adjourned on Friday when the Opposition and the Treasury benches locked horns over remarks made on the "division of West Bengal". The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) also raised the alleged Valmiki Corporation scam in Karnataka.

Trinamool Congress MP Kalyan Banerjee, during the Zero Hour, raised the issue of the "division of West Bengal". Mr. Banerjee was referring to Union Minister of State for the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region Sukanta Majumdar's proposed division of the State and incorporating the region of north Bengal with the northeast. The Minister, the BJP's West Bengal president, has said that he met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and has submitted a formal proposal on the matter.

Speaker Om Birla, however, did not allow Mr. Banerjee to raise the matter contending that Mr. Majumdar's comments were not made in the House.

The Speaker also disallowed BJP leader P.C. Mohan from raising the Valmiki Corporation 'scam'.

As Trinamool Congress members trooped into the well of the House, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi and senior BJP leader Anurag Thakur were seen raising slogans against the Karnataka government.

Amid the uproar, the Speaker adjourned the proceedings till 12.30 p.m.

Tribute to soldiers

Earlier, when the House assembled, Mr. Birla recalled the Kargil War and the bravery shown by the soldiers despite the tough conditions.

The House paid tributes to their efforts.

Mr. Birla expressed sympathy for the relatives of the armed forces personnel who lost their lives in the war.

Tempers fray as BJP MP allowed to speak on Valmiki 'scam'

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NEW DELHI

Tempers were frayed in the Rajya Sabha on Friday morning, when after declining notices – on alleged corruption in Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation (KMVSTDC) – moved by BJP MPs under Rule 267 which requires suspension of business to discuss the issue at hand, one of the movers was allowed to raise the issue during Zero Hour.

Iranna Kadadi, Brij Lal, Naresh Bansal and Sudhanshu Trivedi of the BJP had given the notices. "All of them (notices) belonged to the ruling party. These notices ignore my directives which were explicit. There may be issues of great importance, many have been raised under 267 earlier (by the Opposition), I declined all of them," Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar said.

However, he said, Mr. Kadadi had been permitted to raise the matter as part of his Zero Hour mention. Congress members strongly objected to the move and pointed out that Mr. Kadadi's name did not appear on the list of speakers for the Zero Hour.

Mr. Dhankhar said that while giving his ruling on the notices under Rule 267, he had categorically informed multiple times that Mr. Kadadi had been allowed to raise the issue during the ongoing Zero Hour.

DMK's Tiruchi Siva requested that the Chairman permit other members too speak as well.

Minister ducked question on legal guarantee for MSP, says Opposition

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NEW DELHI

Accusing Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan of ducking the question on introducing a legal guarantee for minimum support price (MSP), a demand from the farmers organisations, the Congress and other Opposition leaders strongly registered their protests inside the Rajya Sabha, leading to noisy scenes.

The question was posed by Samajwadi Party MP Ramji Lal Suman, who asked, "whether the government is contemplating to bring legislation to provide legal guarantee of MSP to farmers.." In response, Mr. Chouhan listed the steps taken by the government for the welfare of farmers and spoke about the committee looking into strengthening the MSP system but stopped short of talking about a legal guarantee for crop support prices.

Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar tries to restore order as Congress MP Randeep Surjewala and other MPs object to Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan's reply in the House on Friday. ANI

Following the Minister's remark, Congress MPs, including Randeep Surjewala and Jairam Ramesh, protested, saying that Mr. Chouhan's reply was incomplete. Mr. Dhankhar's exhortations for order, had little effect, with vociferous protests from the Opposition. The Chairman also named a few of the Congress MPs including Randeep Surjewala, asking him to withdraw from the House for the remainder of the day.

Proceedings disrupted

Opposition members, however, refused to relent and continued to shout slogans, disrupting proceedings for a few more minutes.

On the question of whether the government wants to give a legal guarantee of MSP to farmers or not, the Minister said it is continuously working towards farmers' welfare. The MSP rates have been increased regularly to give proper prices to farmers, he added.

"We have given twice the MSP rates as compared to when (Randeep) Surjewala's government was in power," Mr. Chouhan said.

He also added that a panel had been formed to give suggestions on making the MSP system more effective and transparent.

219 proposals for High Court judges' appointment are being processed: Centre

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NEW DELHI

The Union government said 219 proposals for the appointment of High Court judges across the country are in various stages of processing.

Union Law Minister Arjun Meghwal, responding to questions raised by Rajya Sabha Member Haris Beeran, said the Supreme Court Collegium (SCC), as of July 19, has processed 82 of the 90 proposals sent to it by the government for advice.

"One hundred and twenty-nine fresh proposals received recently are being processed for seeking the advice of the SCC," the reply said.

High Courts have still not sent recommendations on the remaining 138 vacancies.

Against the total sanctioned strength of 1,114 judges in various High Courts, 357 posts are lying vacant.

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Chief Justices of the High Courts are required to initiate the proposal to fill up a vacancy of a High Court judge six months prior to the occurrence of the vacancy. "However, this timeline is often not adhered to by the High Courts," the government complained. Names recommended by the High Court Collegium are sent with the views of the government to the SCC for advice. Recommendation of the SCC is mandatory for appointment.

"Appointment of Judges in the High Courts is a continuous, integrated and collaborative process, involving approval from various constitutional authorities," the government assured.

Collegium inputs

The process of finalising a revised Memorandum of Procedure for Appointment of Judges to the Supreme Court and High Courts to bring in more transparency and accountability in the appointment process has not seen the light of the day. The government claims it is waiting for the Collegium's inputs on a draft while the latter maintained that it has already given its final views about the draft in March 2017, and has nothing more to add.

Meanwhile, the government said it is considering a proposal for the transfer of five High Court judges.

"No timeline has been prescribed in the MoP for transfer of judges from one High Court to another," it explained.

BJP alliance with TDP, JD(U) is a 'Fevicol-like' bond, says Rajiv Singh

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Janata Dal (United) leader and Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh on Friday said the ruling BJP's alliance with JD(U) and TDP was held together by a "Fevicol-like" bond even as he targeted the Congress saying the 99 seats it won is a "dangerous number" as it can go down to zero soon.

The Congress had won 99 seats in the current Lok Sabha. The tally came down to 98 after Rahul Gandhi vacated the Wayanad seat and retained Rae Bareli.

Making an intervention during a discussion on the Union Budget in the Lok Sabha, Mr. Singh rejected the Opposition's charge that the Budget appeased the two key allies of the BJP government at the Centre.

"*Ye pre-poll alliance hai aur ye alliance Fevicol se sata hua hai* (This is a pre-poll alliance and it is held together by a Fevicol-like bond)..." he said on the partnership between the BJP, JD(U) and TDP at the Centre.

Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh speaks in the Lok Sabha during the Monsoon session of Parliament, in New Delhi, on Friday. PTI

Using the analogy of a 'Snakes and Ladders' board game, the senior JD (U) leader said the Congress will fall to zero from 99 seats after being bitten by a snake.

Referring to Trinamool Congress leader Abhishek Banerjee's speech on the Budget earlier this week, Mr. Singh said West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee should apologise for the alleged mistreatment of women in her State.

He claimed that a senior Congress leader had expressed frustration over unmet promises and unheld meetings. The name of the leader was, however, expunged from the records.

More demands

Congress MP from Haryana Deepender Hooda took objection to the JD(U) leader's comments that his party colleague Kumari Selja discussed Haryana when the debate was on the Budget. "Haryana is part of India and speaking about it like this... it is both seditious and defamatory".

Also participating in the debate, actor and BJP MP from Himachal Pradesh Kangana Ranaut requested an international airport in her constituency, Mandi, to promote tourism in the State.

Harsimrat Kaur Badal of Shiromani Akali Dal said only nine States had been mentioned in the Budget.

She highlighted the issues of inflation and price rise affecting farmers, and reduction of allocations in various government schemes.

Ms. Badal demanded that the international border with Pakistan be opened to increase business opportunities for the people of Punjab.

She also accused the previous Congress and the current AAP government in the State of draining the exchequer to the extent that there was now ₹3.4 lakh crore debt.

Brittas' Bill faces protests from Treasury benches

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

BJP members stonewalled CPI(M) MP John Brittas' private members' Bill seeking an amendment in the Constitution to disallow Governors from taking up Chancellorship and other non-Constitutional posts. Meanwhile, his colleague, A.A. Rahim who moved a similar private members' Bill aimed at restricting the powers of Governors from interfering in the functioning of the executive had a smooth ride, with none in the Treasury benches realising Bill's full implication.

Mr. Rahim introduced The Constitution (Amendment) Bill that makes a Minister's continuation in office at the confidence of the Assembly. Since Mr. Rahim did not elaborate, it went through without any objections. But, Mr. Brittas spoke briefly on his Bill and soon faced protests from Treasury benches.

Pakistan rejects Modi's Kargil Vijay Diwas speech as 'rhetoric'

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ISLAMABAD

Pakistan on Friday rejected Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remarks at an event at Dras in Ladakh as "rhetorical statements" and said it cannot deflect international attention from India's efforts to "suppress" the Kashmiri people.

According to Pakistan's Foreign Office, the "rhetorical statements by the Indian leaders cannot deflect international attention from India's heavy-handed approach to suppress the Kashmiri people's just struggle for realisation of their fundamental rights and freedoms". "Bravado and jingoism undermine regional peace, and are totally counter-productive for resolution of long-standing disputes between Pakistan and India, especially the core dispute of Jammu and Kashmir," the Foreign Office (FO) said.

It stated that Pakistan stands resolute in its intent and ability to safeguard its sovereignty against any aggression. "While Pakistan is ready to counter India's aggressive actions, it remains committed to promoting peace and stability in the region," it added.

PM defends Agnipath scheme on anniversary of Kargil War

The goal of Agnipath is to make the Army young and keep it continuously fit for war, says Modi as he slams Congress for opposing the scheme; he calls out Pakistan's support to proxy war in J&K

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KARGIL

Speaking on the 25th anniversary of the 1999 Kargil War, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday defended the Agnipath scheme and targeted the Opposition for its criticism of the scheme.

He also warned Pakistan of "a befitting reply" for its continuous support to terrorism and the proxy war in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The Agnipath scheme is an example of the necessary reforms done by the Army. For some people, the Army was meant for saluting politicians and parades. But the Army means the faith of 140 crore countrymen. The goal of Agnipath is to make the Army young, to keep the Army continuously fit for war," Mr. Modi said.

Referring to the Opposition's criticism of the Agnipath scheme, Mr. Modi said, "Unfortunately, people have made such a sensitive issue related to national security a subject of politics. These are the same people who weakened our Army by committing scams worth thousands of crores in the Army. These people never wanted the Army and the Indian Air Force (IAF) to be self-reliant. They never wanted Tejas to be introduced in the IAF."

In memoriam: Narendra Modi pays homage at the Kargil War Memorial on the occasion of 'Vijay Diwas', in Dras, on Friday. PTI

Mr. Modi targeted the Congress for its failure to meet the demands of the armed forces in the past. "The Congress failed to meet the demands of forces, including the Army and the Air Force. These demands fell on the deaf ears in the past. There was a huge yearning for reforms. Our government took a step to listen to the forces and today we have a list of 5,000 weapons that are no longer being exported from outside," he said.

The Prime Minister also called out Pakistan's support to the proxy war in Jammu and Kashmir and said the enemy would be given a befitting reply. The remarks came against the backdrop of growing terrorist attacks in the Jammu region.

"Pakistan has failed in all its nefarious attempts in the past. Pakistan, however, has not learnt from history. It is trying to keep itself relevant by supporting terrorism and proxy war. I am speaking from a place where the masters of terror can hear my voice directly. I want to tell these patrons of terrorism that their nefarious intentions will never succeed. Our soldiers will crush terrorism with full force and the enemy will be given a befitting reply," Mr. Modi said.

The Prime Minister paid homage to war heroes at the Kargil War Memorial at Dras in Kargil district.

Mr. Modi recalled the Indian Army's operations launched in the high-altitude peaks of the region. "India wanted peace but the enemy showed its dual face. Finally, falsehood got defeated. The victory in the Kargil War showed our commitment towards our nation and the valour of our brave forces. Our forces successfully executed the operation despite the extreme and challenging battle conditions," he said.

He said the land of Kargil was witness to the supreme sacrifices made by the bravehearts 25 years ago. "The names of those who offered their lives for this land will remain alive forever," he said.

He pledged that India will defeat every challenge that comes in the way of development of Ladakh or J&K.

"It will be five years since Article 370 was abolished in August. J&K is staring at a bright future, talking about big dreams. Besides infrastructure development, the tourism sector is also growing rapidly in Ladakh and J&K."

Modi's claim 'blatant lie', an insult to our armed forces, says Kharge

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge on Friday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of doing "petty politics" even on the occasion of paying tribute to the martyrs on Kargil Vijay Diwas, referring to the Prime Minister defending the Agnipath scheme as one that was launched at the behest of the armed forces.

Mr. Modi's claim that his government implemented the Agnipath scheme at the behest of the Army was "a blatant lie and an unforgivable insult" to the armed forces, he said.

"Modi*ji*, it is you who are spreading LIES! Former Army chief General M.M. Naravane (retd) has said on record that 75% of recruits were to be taken for permanency in the 'Agnipath Scheme' and 25% of people were to be let go after 4 years. But the Modi govt. did the opposite, and forcibly implemented this scheme for all three armed forces," he said.

BJP chief J.P. Nadda, however, hit back at the Congress, saying, "Unfortunately, for some people politics is the first priority and national interest takes the back seat."

INBRIEF

ASEAN cornerstone of India's Act East Policy: Jaishankar

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was the cornerstone of India's Act East Policy and its Indo-Pacific vision, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said on Friday, as he sought to expand cooperation with the bloc. Mr. Jaishankar was in the Laotian capital of Vientiane to participate in the meetings of ASEAN members. In his remarks at the opening session of the ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers Meeting, he said, "The current political, economic and security cooperation with ASEAN is of the utmost priority so is the people-to-people linkages, that we are constantly seeking to expand." Mr. Jaishankar's visit to Laos was of particular significance as this year marked a decade of India's Act East Policy, which was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2014, the Ministry of External Affairs said. PTI

Mosques covered on Kanwar Yatra route in Haridwar

Facades of two mosques and a *mazar* along the Kanwar Yatra route in Uttarakhand's Haridwar were on Friday covered with large sheets of white cloth to "prevent trouble" but uncovered by the evening after objections from various quarters. The sheets were hung on bamboo scaffoldings in front of two mosques and a *mazar*, all in the Jwalapur area. The mosque's maulana and the *mazar*'s caretakers said they were not aware of any administrative order in this regard and claimed this was for the first time that such a step had been taken during the *yatra*. Though the Haridwar Senior Superintendent of Police and District Magistrate were not available for comment, Minister Satpal Maharaj told reporters that it was done to maintain peace. "Any such thing is done only to prevent trouble," he said. PTI

Congress questions Centre's 'fiscal mismanagement' in J&K

The Congress on Friday accused the Centre of "unprecedented fiscal mismanagement" in Jammu and Kashmir. Jairam Ramesh asked why Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman was "benevolent" towards Andhra Pradesh and Bihar but not to the Union Territory. He claimed that the Budget document revealed "astonishing details". "The FM got approval from Parliament to borrow ₹12,000 crore last year. This year, Budget documents reveal that the actual borrowings were twice the amount, at ₹24,000 crore. Borrowings have risen five-fold in the last two years. This is unprecedented fiscal mismanagement," he said. "The fiscal deficit which was pegged at 1.6% has turned out to be 5.36% in FY24. Capex has been slashed by 10%," he said.

Congress ignored needs of our armed forces: Vaishnaw

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Friday hit out at the Congress, accusing the past United Progressive Alliance (UPA) governments of ignoring the needs of the armed forces and making them dependent on imports. It was Prime Minister Narendra Modi who was taking the nation on the path of self-reliance, he said.

Addressing reporters in the national capital, Mr. Vaishnaw said the country, under Mr. Modi's leadership, had taken huge strides in the defence sector by ushering in structural reforms, giving preference to indigenous production of defence equipment, and encouraging exports.

"During the Congress rule, the Defence Minister used to question the need for building border roads. But, under the leadership of Narendra Modi, more than 6,800 km of roads have been built for the armed forces," the Minister noted.

Defamation case an attempt to gain 'cheap publicity', says Rahul Gandhi

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Friday appeared before an MP-MLA court at Sultanpur in Uttar Pradesh in a defamation case. He said the case had been filed to gain "cheap publicity".

The Congress leader told the court that he had never made a statement against anyone which could lead to a case of defamation, Kashi Prasad Shukla, Mr. Gandhi's advocate, informed reporters.

Rahul Gandhi

A local BJP leader, Vijay Mishra, had filed the defamation case against Mr. Gandhi on August 4, 2018 for making alleged objectionable remarks against the then BJP national president Amit Shah. The court of special judge Shubham Verma fixed August 12 as the next date of hearing, when the statement of the petitioner would be recorded, and the evidence would be presented.

Meets cobbler

Mr. Gandhi reached Lucknow in the morning and travelled to Sultanpur with a large number of Congress leaders and workers accompanying him.

On his way to Sultanpur, Mr. Gandhi stopped at a cobbler's shop for an interaction.

He had a chat with the man – Ram Chait – and learned to mend shoes. Mr. Chait reportedly informed the Rae Bareli MP of his weak financial situation and sought help.

"Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi stopped the car on the way and met a family of cobbler. We are continuously fighting for the rights of these hard-working people, raising their voice from the streets to the Parliament. Our aim is to make their present safe and their future prosperous," the Congress party wrote in a post on X.

'Bangladesh govt. acting as if a foreign army is invading the country'

Nobel Laureate and political rival of Sheikh Hasina says that there are standard procedures to handle protesters in a democracy where there is rule of law; he calls for international community, particularly India, to use informal channels to cool down the situation over the demonstrations against the quota system and says another election may be necessary for order to be restored

INTERVIEW

Muhammad Yunus

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Nearly 200 have reportedly been killed in Bangladesh in the past few weeks of protests over the quota system. Speaking to *The Hindu* from Paris, Nobel Laureate and Grameen Bank founder Muhammad Yunus appealed for the international community, and particularly India, to reach out to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to call for calm. Mr. Yunus, a political rival of Ms. Hasina, faces many cases that he says are politically motivated. He says another election may be warranted for the restoration of democracy in the country.

Give us a sense of what you've heard about the situation in Bangladesh. It seems to be under control after the new Appellate Court verdict...

Well, it's not something that happened after I came here [to Paris, as special guest for the Olympics ceremony]. I was there.

The issue is the government is treating the situation as if a foreign army is invading Bangladesh... mobilising the army and paramilitary to suppress demonstrators with bullets. They are in the mood to defeat them, not for bringing order. Why did they mobilise all those forces ? It's your own citizens, young people from universities, the top one per cent of society who are ready to run the country. And you're killing them at random as if they are an invading force from another country! Shooting them on sight!

You have called for the international community to get involved. How exactly would you like them to act ?

I was not looking for any formal response. I was hoping that they can use their informal relationships and informal channels to restrain our leaders, make them aware of the serious departure from the norm of democracy. As a friendly action, to pick up the phone and say, "What's going on there?". The kind of things friends do for friends, some way of cooling it down which would be helpful in saving people's lives.

India has already made a statement saying that this is an internal matter of Bangladesh.

You may say this in public as a public figure, but you can still use your friendship privately. PMs may be talking to each other if they see that something is going wrong.

We still have the dream of SAARC. We help each other. We make things easier for each other. There are natural bonds among us. If something happens in one country it can happen to another country with ease.

FILE PHOTO

In India, the concern about the protests over 1971 quotas is that they are also fuelling anti-India sentiments. Do you think that's true?

That will be stretching the imagination too far. The quota movement has not the slightest touch regarding the relationship between Bangladesh and India. The issue is democracy, rule of law, human rights, role of the judiciary. People have the right to express their views and the government has no right to kill them for their views.

You're objecting to the way the protests were handled. The Hasina government says that the protesters themselves turned violent, that they were picketing police posts.

If demonstrators are unruly, there are standard procedures to handle such a situation. There is something terribly wrong with rule of law and practice of democracy in Bangladesh. Let us not turn our face away from it for our convenience.

All the media should come and see what is happening. First thing that they [Bangladesh government] did was to close down everything so that they can do things under cover of darkness so that nobody can see it from outside or even from inside. Why are they afraid of their own people?

The students have put out a list of their demands, including asking for Ms. Hasina to apologise for calling them *razakars* (traitors), and for the resignation of Ministers.

These are the demands for the students, and the procedure is that government responds to those things. That's not how it's working out.

Prime Minister Hasina has just won elections [in January 2024]. Isn't calling for resignations undemocratic?

We have committed ourselves to democracy and to stay with democracy. Whether you're freshly elected or you're not elected, you are abusing your position without the consent of the people... You cannot just pick up somebody because he belongs to Opposition party, so he is liable to be arrested.

The government has filed several cases against you. Is the fight with Ms. Hasina personal?

These cases are also a failure of the rule of law. The accusations against me are about embezzlement, forgery, and money laundering – these are government accusations. These are totally fabricated stories, all made up. Many human rights organisations have said they are baseless. It is to harass me.

In a labour law violation case, I have already received a six-month prison sentence which is another cooked up case.

What do you think can bring Bangladesh back from this point, back to the norms of democracy that you say has failed?

Get the people's mandate, freely and fairly. That's it. Democracy cures problems by getting people's instructions, because state belongs to the people, not to some people in the government.

Are you suggesting another election?

Of course, election is the ultimate solution of all political problems. When something doesn't work, you go back to the people to seek their instructions. They are the ultimate owners of the country. Make sure it is a genuine election, not an election of a magician.

(Full interview is at thlink.in/Yunus)

INBRIEF

Heavy rain floods parts of Gujarat; IMD issues red alert

Around 2,500 people were rescued and more than 18,000 were shifted to safer locations in areas affected by floods caused by incessant rain in south Gujarat and Saurashtra regions. The IMD has issued a red alert in a few places while an orange alert has been issued in the districts in south Gujarat region. So far, around 12 people have died in rain-related incidents in the State in the past one week. Severe flooding and damage to properties have been reported in 13 districts, including Tapi, Dang, Surat, Navsari and Dwarka. The Purna river in south Gujarat is now flowing above the danger mark. Twelve teams of the NDRF have been deployed for rescue operations.

India, U.S. sign agreement to protect cultural heritage

India and the U.S. on Friday signed a cultural property agreement aimed at enhancing cooperation to protect cultural heritage of both countries. Cultural property agreements prevent illegal trade of cultural property and simplify the process by which looted and stolen antiquities may be returned to their country of origin. The U.S.-India Cultural Property Agreement was signed by U.S. Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti and Union Culture Secretary Govind Mohan in the presence of Minister of Culture Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, the U.S. Embassy said. With this, India joins the ranks of 29 existing U.S. bilateral cultural property agreement partners.

CBI arrests one more in NEET paper leak case

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) arrested one more accused, Pawan Kumar, from Jharkhand's Dhanbad district on Friday in connection with the NEET-UG paper leak case. This is the 37th arrest in the case in Jharkhand and Bihar.

The agency recovered a sack full of documents and a few phones from a pond based on information given by Mr. Pawan whose name surfaced during the interrogation of Amit Kumar. Mr. Amit was arrested from Dhanbad along with Aman Singh. Mr. Amit told the investigators that Mr. Pawan had played a pivotal role in distributing the leaked question paper. After the CBI received information that Mr. Pawan was in his house in Dhanbad, a team reached the town on Friday and took him into custody.

He told the agency about the documents and phones along with other equipment that were thrown into a pond in Sudamdih locality. The CBI took Mr. Pawan to the location, recovered the items, and left with him for Patna. The youth arrested from Dhanbad are linked to Oasis School in Hazaribagh.

17 share top rank as NTA declares final results of NEET-UG

Four of the toppers are from Rajasthan; 415 candidates disqualified; 67 had topped the exam when results were first announced on June 4

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

The National Testing Agency (NTA) on Friday released the final results of the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test for admission to undergraduate medical and paramedical courses.

Seventeen candidates scored 720 out of 720 to share the top rank, down from 67 in the first version of the results released on June 4.

The latest results were published after the Supreme Court asked the NTA to deduct marks for a physics question that had two 'correct' answers.

The second version of the results was released on July 1 after conducting a retest for 1,563 candidates, of whom only 812 opted to appear, and the third iteration was issued on July 20 in a format prescribed by the Supreme Court.

Four of the 17 toppers are from Rajasthan, three from Maharashtra, two each from Delhi and Uttar Pradesh, and one each from Bihar, Punjab, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Chandigarh.

Students protest over the NEET-UG paper leak case outside the Education Ministry in New Delhi on June 20. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

Six score 716

Six candidates scored 716 and 77 scored 715 in the latest results announced by the NTA.

Of the 67 toppers in the first version of the results, six had received grace marks that were later rolled back by the the NTA following Supreme Court hearings. Nearly 45 petitions were filed in the top court against the NTA's arbitrary manner of awarding grace marks for purported "loss of time" during the exam at select centres.

Forty-four candidates had scored 720 on account of an ambiguity created by the physics question.

The court had ruled that five marks be deducted for all students who had answered the question as per the old NCERT book.

The number of qualifying candidates has also dipped by 415 in the final results. Of the 23,33,162 candidates who had taken the test, 13,15,853 have qualified. According to the results issued on June 4, 13,16,268 had qualified.

Indian Navy frigate *INS Brahmaputra* experienced severe listing on the port side following a fire on Sunday. ANI

Getting Navy frigate upright may take up to 3 months: official

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

It may take up to three months to get *INS Brahmaputra* upright and on even keel, defence officials said. The frigate, which turned to a side after a fire onboard on Sunday while it was undergoing a refit at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai, has listed by about 40 to 45 degrees on the port side.

"The frigate turned to a side likely due to imbalance during the firefighting efforts with water. However, it has only listed at an angle and not entirely like in the case of *INS Betwa*," an official in the know said. A sailor was killed in the incident.

It is expected to take two to three months to get the ship upright and on even keel, the official said.

There is no major ingress of water into the ship, officials added. The preliminary assessment of the ship which will determine the manner of getting it upright will be carried out very soon. Once the ship is upright, the Navy will undertake a precise estimation of the damage to the ship and what needs to be done to make it fully operational and battleworthy again.

INS Betwa, also a Brahmaputra-class frigate, fell 90 degrees in the dry dock at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai in December 2016. Two people were killed and 14 injured in the incident. The ship was made operational again in the first quarter of 2018.

For the salvage operation, global firms will need to be roped in, like in the past.

AAI flags increase in fire accidents at airports, stresses need to follow SOP

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has issued a safety advisory expressing concern over the recent increase in fire accidents at airport buildings. The safety advisory laid emphasis on following the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to prevent and respond to fires.

The Directorate of Aviation Safety, AAI, urged all employees engaged in airport operations and air traffic services to scrupulously follow the SOP set for the purpose. The recent incidents of building fires at some of the international and domestic airports had raised concern about the maintenance and operation of fire-prevention equipment, preparedness of the staff to deal with contingency situation, and storage of inflammable materials, it said.

Fires were preventable if proper safety measures were put in place, the AAI said.

Fire in a terminal building could create chaos and result in loss of life and/or flight disruption at an airport.

On the other hand, fire in operational buildings housing navigational equipment could lead to contingency situation not only at airports, but also for aircraft in the air.

The advisory pointed out that though fires were unpredictable and destructive, they were highly preventable with proper safety measures. By practising fire safety and prevention at workplace, every employee of AAI could contribute to a safe environment, and there would be no disruption of civil aviation on account of fire incidents.

It gave a check-list of Do's and Don'ts in regard to measures to prevent fire hazards, such as ensuring the efficacy of smoke alarms, displaying emergency hotline numbers at prominent places, and promoting fire safety by including all the staff members, including contractual employees, in fire drills. To minimise risk of loss of life, damage to property and flight disruption, it was essential for all AAI employees engaged in airport/air traffic operation to be aware of fire reporting and be trained in basic firefighting and rescue operations, it said.

The safety guidelines come in the wake of different incidents of fire reported in airports across the country. On May 17, a fire was reported at the Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi and fire tenders pressed into service. There were no casualties.

A few days later, a fire broke out in the Air Traffic Control tower building at the Chennai airport. The blaze noticed on the fourth floor of the ATC around 3.30 a.m. was put out in about 30 minutes. An electrical short circuit in one of the rooms was suspected to have caused the fire.

Royal burial mounds of Assam now on UNESCO World Heritage List

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI/GUWAHATI

The Charaideo Moidams, a 700-year-old mound-burial system of the Ahom dynasty from Assam, were added to the UNESCO World Heritage List on Friday, making them the 43rd property from India to be included in the prestigious index.

The announcement was made at the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee being held in Delhi.

"This historic recognition brings global attention to the unique 700-year-old mound burial system of the Ahom kings at Charaideo, highlighting the rich cultural heritage of Assam and Bharat," Union Minister for Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat told the media after the announcement.

An aerial view of the royal burial mounds built by the Ahom dynasty in Charaideo in eastern Assam. AP

Similar to the pyramids of Egypt, the Moidams are earthen burial mounds of the members of the Ahom royalty whose 600-year rule was ended by the British takeover of the region.

The Ahoms adopted the Hindu method of cremation after the 18th century and began entombing the cremated bones and ashes in Moidams at Charaideo.

The highly venerated Moidams make the Charaideo district a tourist destination.

The Moidams are the first from the notheastern States to be recognised as a World Heritage Site in the cultural category. Assam has two other such sites in the natural category - Kaziranga National Park and Manas National Park, both upgraded to tiger reserves.

"THIS IS HUGE. The Moidams make it to the #UNESCO World Heritage list under the category Cultural Property - a great win for Assam. Thank You Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji, Members of the @UNESCO World Heritage Committee and to the people of Assam," Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma wrote on X.

He said the Charaideo Moidam embodies the deep spiritual belief, rich civilisational heritage, and architectural prowess of Assam's Tai-Ahom community.

The Moidams were nominated as India's official entry in 2023.

Of the 386 Moidams explored so far, 90 at Charaideo are the best preserved, representative, and most complete examples of this tradition.

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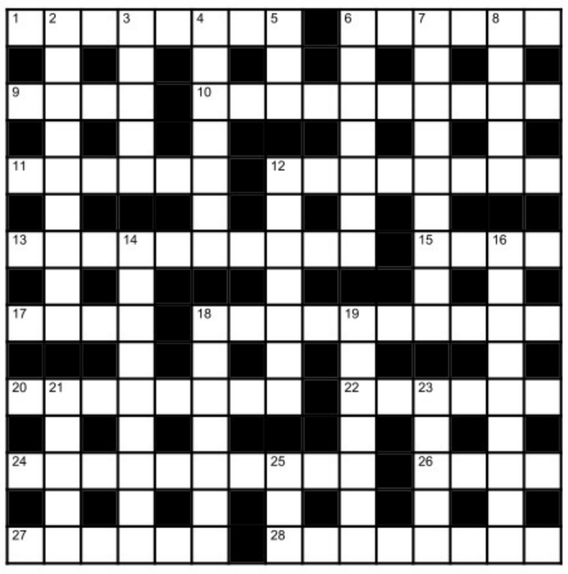

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1 Luv it! Am incessantly stashing health supplement (7,1)
6 Fixed typo besetting each table (6)
9 One can root (4)
10 One thousand die after hunger, with closures in Chicago stadium cooking area (10)
11 Mercury possibly contains nitrogen? That's bonkers! (6)
12 Bishop left wearing cross, sister is angry (8)
13 Boy! Start fires in empty godowns and plant diseases? (10)
15 Tough, but not over rough and tough (4)
17 Architect's note (4)
18 Running short race? Sprint, chasing time record (10)
20 Regularly recurring acid dreams, weed, no electronic communications (3,5)
22 Surprising raid, no? (6)
24 Spots in secret FL resort (10)
26 With last of cash gone, credit used for vehicle (4)
27 The sly, depraved radicals (6)
28 Caught wild bus ride along the edge of a street in LA (8)

Down

2 Will he? (Although not all there, and suffering) (3,6)
3 Back around noon: naked cooking! (5)
4 Point-blank shot strikes frying pan — part of a psychological test? (7)
5 Result when one's put on tan foundation at night? (3)
6 The ghost is less frequently seen in these regions (7)
7 One commenting on art a ton, affectedly (9)
8 Gas with tiny mass, abbreviated: I (5)
12 Headgear from Punjab, and an amulet (7)
14 Crooked agent pockets second case of every show's earnings (4-5)
16 Haphazard international body criticised over Israel, finally (9)
18 Distributed freely after deleting appallingly rude pieces (7)
19 Clip of space habitat welcomed by music after docking (7)
21 Release electron stream (around speed of light) (5)
23 Amidst brawls, one retreats to get food items (5)
25 Some revolting chemicals in insect secretion (3)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

The way out of sins

The tenets of Hinduism lay stress on concepts like heaven and hell, noble souls and sinners, good and bad deeds, world here and hereafter. Puranas say the tribulations that a person may undergo in the world of hell are indescribable. People may commit mistakes or sins through their minds, words or other physical faculties (*manas*, *vak* and *kayam*). Sri Kesava Vajapayer Swamy said if a person turns a talebearer, he incurs sins through the same.

For cleansing of our sins, various ways are suggested such as taking a dip in holy rivers such as the Ganga, fasting on Ekadasi, following dharmas with steadfastness, regulation in food (*Ahara Niyamam*), pinning faith in Sastras, believing the words of learned men, controlling the mind and senses, and giving charity to good and deserving people.

For a person who is habitual in committing mistakes, how will the remedial measures (*prayaschita*) rescue him? It will be like an elephant sprinkling sand on its head after it has been given a bath. Our sins will be destroyed automatically like bamboo catching fire by friction in a gusty wind. But the same bamboo will grow again if it rains because the roots are not destroyed. By chanting the names of God (*Namasankeerthanam*), the evil effects of our sinful deeds will be completely uprooted.

INBRIEF

Chennai Petro Q1 standalone net declines 38% to ₹343 cr.

Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd, (CPCL) reported standalone net profit for the June quarter contracted 38% from the year-earlier period to ₹343 crore. Revenue from operations rose to ₹20,361 crore from ₹17,986 crore, the company said in a statement. CPCL achieved crude thruput of 2.830 million tonnes against 2.677 million tonnes. Gross refining margin (GRM) stood at $6.33/bbl compared with $8.33/bbl in the year-earlier period.

Power Grid Corp Q1 net profit grows 3.5% to ₹3,724 crore

Power Grid Corporation of India reported first-quarter consolidated net profit rose 3.5% to ₹3,724 crore from ₹3,597 crore in the year-earlier period. Revenue for the quarter ended June 30, fell to ₹11,006.18 crore from ₹11,048 crore in the same period last year. Revenue from the transmission business declined to ₹10,728 crore, from ₹10,829 crore a year earlier. On a standalone basis, the Q1 profit fell to ₹3,412 crore from ₹3,543 crore a year earlier.

Cholamandalam Investment Q1 net rises 30% to ₹942 crore

Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Co. Ltd. (CIFCL) reported standalone net profit for the June quarter increased 30% from the year-earlier period to ₹942 crore. Total revenue from operations increased to ₹5,785 crore from ₹4,063 crore. Net income grew by 43% to ₹3,033 crore. Net interest margin rose to 7.6% (7.3%). Assets under management (AUM) increased 38% and stood at ₹1,68,832 crore, the company said in a statement.

'Capital gains rejig won't hurt realty'

Revenue Secretary Sanjay Malhotra says capital gains tax changes aimed at removing the arbitrage between asset classes such as equity shares and real estate; observes that India's tax-to-GDP ratio is not low as is generally assumed

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

India's tax-to-GDP ratio is not low as is widely assumed, and suggestions that the proposed changes to the capital gains tax regime will hurt the real estate sector are misplaced, Revenue Secretary Sanjay Malhotra asserted on Friday.

Acknowledging that expanding India's tax base was a real challenge with no simple solutions, the gradual formalisation of the economy would make it difficult for people to stay outside the tax net, Mr. Malhotra said at an interaction with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). "Our tax-to-GDP, given our level of development is actually not so low... when you take into account the State taxes. The ratio is at about 11.7%-11.8%, so let's say 12% for the Government of India, and another 6% is States, so it is about 18%," he said.

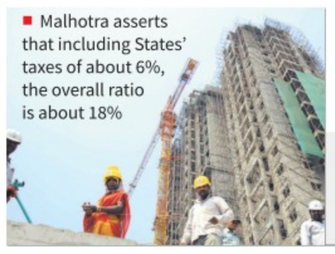
"It has been empirically demonstrated that this could also be a function of income levels in various countries. So if you plot it with per capita income... then we are slightly above what that per capita income should actually indicate. So we are not doing poorly," he underlined.

Addressing industry members' concerns on the loss of indexation benefits in long term capital gains, especially in real estate transactions, Mr. Malhotra said the changes in the capital gains tax regime are aimed at removing the arbitrage between various asset classes such as equity shares and real estate. To a lesser degree, it is also meant to reduce the gap between taxation on capital gains and other forms of incomes, such as those from salary, business or rentals, Mr. Malhotra said.

"Some people may say we need to promote housing, and I saw some report saying that the housing industry will be negatively impacted... I looked at the Nifty Realty [index] and to my surprise, I saw it went down immediately after the Budget... After that, it has recovered," he noted.

Not lagging behind

Revenue Secretary says India's tax-to-GDP, given the country's level of development 'is actually not so low'



- Malhotra asserts that including States' taxes of about 6%, the overall ratio is about 18%
- 'Plotting it with per capita income, would put India's ratio slightly above what that per capita income should actually indicate'
- Tax changes also meant to reduce gap between taxation on capital gains and other forms of incomes

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	81,333	1.62
US Dollar	83.73	0.05
Gold	70,700	0.07
Brent oil	80.56	-1.73

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3080.50	107.00
Adani Ports	1542.75	55.75
Apollo Hosp	6664.55	278.75
Asian Paints	2950.15	48.75
Axis Bank	1177.35	1.45
Bajaj Auto	9492.90	214.65
Bajaj Finserv	1586.45	14.50
Bajaj Finance	6789.75	142.00
Bharti Airtel	1514.40	65.25
BPCL	328.80	2.65
Britannia Ind	5872.80	43.20
Cipla	1575.00	74.95
Coal India	509.85	15.85
Divis Lab	4790.60	243.60
Dr Reddys Lab	6878.65	25.45
Eicher Motors	5012.50	111.85
Grasim Ind	2843.30	45.75
HCL Tech	1635.35	47.75
HDFC Bank	1618.15	1.55
HDFC Life	703.35	20.20
Hero MotoCorp	5478.90	75.70
Hindalco	667.60	21.05
Hind Unilever	2711.05	3.85
ICICI Bank	1207.20	9.30
IndusInd Bank	1403.90	24.80
Infosys	1878.90	54.05
ITC	502.20	12.25
JSW Steel	900.55	26.05
Kotak Bank	1813.85	38.70
L&T	3679.90	60.75
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5788.45	190.55
M&M	2887.80	76.40
Maruti Suzuki	12663.70	154.50
NestleIndia	2476.90	-3.75
NTPC	396.30	4.15
ONGC	331.60	-4.20
PowerGrid Corp	344.20	4.75
Reliance Ind	3018.05	33.25
SBI Life	1750.95	55.55
State Bank	862.45	13.95
Shriram Finance Ltd.	2925.00	246.00
Sun Pharma	1714.25	48.45
TataConsumerProduct	1213.65	5.07
Tata Motors	1118.30	27.35
Tata Steel	162.55	5.16
TCS	4387.85	65.35
Tech Mahindra	1541.15	11.15
Titan	3494.15	88.35
UltraTech Cement	11673.05	231.55
Wipro	524.80	17.95

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 26

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.53	83.85
Euro	90.69	91.04
British Pound	107.51	107.92
Japanese Yen (100)	54.13	54.34
Chinese Yuan	11.52	11.56
Swiss Franc	94.55	94.92
Singapore Dollar	62.17	62.41
Canadian Dollar	60.47	60.70
Malaysian Ringitt	17.92	18.01
Australian Dollar	54.82	55.04

Source:Indian Bank

'Govt. on track to reduce fiscal deficit'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Fitch Ratings on Friday exuded confidence over the Centre's ability to achieve its enhanced fiscal deficit reduction goal of 4.9% of GDP this year, and below 4.5% of GDP in FY26, but noted that the post-election Budget did not provide clarity on medium-term targets.

While the Budget did highlight "a desire to manage deficits to keep debt on a declining path", Fitch Ratings reckoned that the long-term deficit target of 3% of GDP under the 2003 Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act "no longer appears to be a guiding objective".

"Public finance metrics remain a weakness in India's credit profile; its fiscal deficit, interest-to-revenue and debt ratios are still high compared with 'BBB' category peers.

"Sustained fiscal consolidation that supports a downward trajectory in the government debt ratio over the medium term... would support India's credit profile and could ultimately contribute to upgrade potential for the rating, combined with the positive momentum on macroeconomic performance and external finances," Fitch Ratings said.

Nifty-50 hits all-time high, Sensex surges 1,233 points

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Key benchmark stock indices on Friday gained about 1.7% following heavy buying in infrastructure, IT and pharma stocks.

BSE Sensex gained 1.62%, or 1,293 points, to hit 81,333 points, close to its all-time high level.

NSE Nifty-50 index rose 1.76%, or 429 points, to 24,834.85, its all-time high.

Top Sensex gainers included Bharti Airtel (4.51%), Adani Ports (3.61%), Tata Steel (3.27%), JSW Steel (2.98%), and Infosys (2.93%).

IndiGo Q1 net dips 12% as costs mount

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Budget carrier IndiGo recorded an 11.7% YoY slide in net profit for the first quarter of FY25. In the April-June quarter, which is the peak travel season on account of summer break, IndiGo's profit after tax (PAT) slid to ₹2,728.8 crore from ₹3,090.6 crore in the year-earlier period.

This was despite an 11% increase in aircraft capacity and an 8.7% rise in revenue per seat kilometre (the ability to raise airfares measured through yields).

Total income rose 18% to ₹20,248 crore while total expenses surged 24% to ₹17,444 crore.

CFO Gaurav Negi said the results were impacted by costlier fuel, including because some States that had cut VAT on aviation turbine fuel, reversed their decision. There was also an increase in airport fee, inflationary pressure in maintenance, rising lease rentals and staff costs.

CUB Q1 net rises 16% to ₹264 cr., lower provisions aid

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

City Union Bank Ltd. (CUB) reported standalone net profit for the June quarter rose 16% year-on-year to ₹264 crore helped by an increase in interest income, improvement in asset quality and lower provisions.

Interest income grew by 10% to ₹1,389 crore and net interest income stood at ₹545 crore (₹523 crore). Net interest margin shrank to 3.54%, from 3.67%, the private sector lender said.

Gross non-performing assets declined to 3.88%, from 4.91%. Net non-performing assets slid to 1.87% (2.51%), with the bad loans ratio easing back to pre-COVID levels.

Sugar mills seek policy framework to promote sustainable fuels

The Hindu Bureau
COIMBATORE

The Indian Sugar & and Bio-energy Manufacturers Association (ISMA) said it met Union Minister of Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs Pralhad Joshi and made a detailed presentation seeking a policy framework for transition of sugar mills into bio-refineries.

The association said in a press release that along with bio-ethanol, bio-electricity and bio-gas, the units can also produce sustainable aviation fuel, green hydrogen, E-100 and 2-G ethanol.

Deepak Ballani, Director General of the ISMA, said the association discussed a roadmap for making the 55 million Indian sugarcane farmers, who are already providing the raw material to make fuel for cars, to cater to aviation fuel too.

The Centre unveiled 400 E-100 (100% ethanol) pumps last year, he pointed out. The delegation assured to work closely with the government to quickly build these new, high-tech sugar mills, ISMA said.

IndusInd Bank Q1 net rises 2% to ₹2,171 crore

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

IndusInd Bank reported consolidated Q1 FY25 net profit grew 2% from the year-earlier period to almost ₹2,171 crore, according to a regulatory filing.

The year-on-year growth in net profit was about 30% in Q1 FY24. The slower growth was the result of an increase in provisions and contingencies by 5.9% in the reporting quarter and heatwaves and general elections impacting rural economy in some pockets, said Sumant Kathpalia, MD & CEO.

Gross Non-Performing Assets ratio climbed to 2.02% from 1.94% and Net NPA to 0.60% from 0.58%.

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Tender Notification
(Through e-procurement portal only)

Tenders have been invited from the Contractors registered in Public Works Department to undertake the Civil Works in the main premises of Keladi Shivappa Nayaka University of Agricultural & Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga.Tender notification,schedules and tender details are available in website : **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**
Tender schedules are as follows: **1**) Last date and time for submission of tender: **16.08.2024 at 4.00 P M**, **2**) Date and time of opening of Technical bid : **17.08.2024 at 4.30 P M, 3)** Date and time of opening of Financial bid : **19.08.2024 at 10.00 A M.**
Details can be had from the office of the undersigned during working hours. Contact on all working days and the Estate Officer, Keladi Shivappa Nayaka University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Iruvakki, Sagar Taluq, Shivamogga – 577 412. **Ph.No. 9480838979.**

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2.	Customized AMC/CMC for Pre-owned Products - CAMC of UPS and Inverters	GEM/2024/B/5185880 Dt. 25.07.2024	Not Applicable

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Adv. No: KSSSCI/PRO-01/2024-25 **Director**

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Shriram Finance Q1 PAT grows 18.2% to ₹1,980.59 crore

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Shriram Finance Ltd. reported first-quarter standalone net profit grew 18.2% to ₹1,980.59 crore from ₹1,675 crore in the year-earlier period.

Net interest income for the period ended June 30, 2024 stood at ₹5,354 crore, up 20.6% YoY. Provisions increased to ₹1,188 crore from ₹879 crore in the year-earlier period.

Net interest margin (NIM) stood at 8.79% in Q1 FY25, down 23 bps YoY. NIM was largely constant due to stable yield on advances, the company said.

ITC plans to invest ₹20,000 cr. in 5 years for organic growth: Puri

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Sanjiv Puri

ITC Ltd. plans to invest ₹20,000 crore in the medium term (five years) to scale up its businesses, CMD Sanjiv Puri said.

"Despite the near-term headwinds, the medium-term growth story remains strong and investments made across all our businesses to enhance structural competitiveness and build an enterprise of the future, position company well to leverage emerging opportunities in the market," Mr. Puri told shareholders at the company's AGM held in Kolkata.

"Our confidence in the India story is unwavering and is reflected in the company's investment outlay of about ₹20,000 crore in the medium term."

Lion's share for FMCG

Elaborating at a media briefing, he said while about 40% will be invested to grow the FMCG business, about 20% will go to the paperboards and packaging. The balance will be invested in ari business, for corporate purposes and in innovations, he added.

The demerger of the hotels business into a separate company was on track and the new entity is expected to be listed by the end of this year. In line with the 'asset-right' strategy for the hotels business, 32 hotels have been opened in the last 24 months, taking the total to almost 140 hotels.

"Segment ROCE of hotels has risen by nearly 1,100 bps over the pre-COVID period," he said. The value-accretive acquisitions of the ITC Group in recent years were showing appreciable progress.

LAHORE

Over 150 JI, PTI workers arrested in Pakistan's Punjab province

AFP

More than 150 workers of Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) and the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party were arrested by law enforcement agencies in Pakistan's Punjab province on Friday for planning to stage protests against the hike in electricity bills and demanding the release of former Prime Minister Imran Khan. PTI

BRUSSELS

EU transfers €1.5 billion raised from Russian assets to Ukraine

GETTY IMAGES

The EU on Friday said 1.5 billion euros ($1.6 billion) had been made available to support Ukraine, the first chunk of money earned from profits on Russian frozen assets. EU member states had agreed in May to use the profits from frozen Russian central bank assets to help arm Ukraine and fund its post-war reconstruction. AFP

JERUSALEM

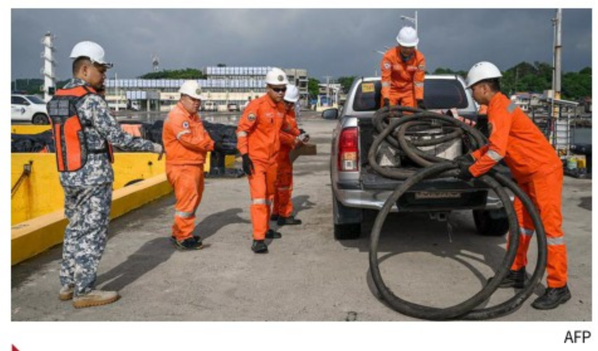
Abu Ara, Hamas leader in West Bank, dies in Israeli custody

REUTERS

Mustafa Muhammad Abu Ara, a 63-year-old Hamas leader in the West Bank died in Israeli custody, Palestinian authorities and the militant group said on Friday. Abu Ara was arrested in October and was subjected to torture and starvation, the Palestinian body and the watchdog said. AFP

LIMAY

Philippines races to avoid oil spill from sunken tanker off Limay



AFP

The Philippine Coast Guard on Friday raced to offload 1.4 million litres of industrial fuel oil from a sunken tanker and prevent an "environmental catastrophe" in Manila Bay. One crew member died when the *MT Terra Nova* sank in rough seas nearly seven kilometres off Limay municipality early on Thursday. AFP

I will not be silent on Gaza, Harris tells PM Netanyahu

Ripping up outgoing President Joe Biden's playbook of behind-the-scenes pressure, the Vice President told the Israeli PM that it was time to end the 'devastating' war in the 'frank' meeting

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

Changing stance: Kamala Harris meets with Benjamin Netanyahu at the White House, in Washington DC on Thursday. REUTERS

Kamala Harris signalled a major shift on U.S. Gaza policy on Thursday, with the presidential hopeful telling Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to seal a peace deal and insisting she would not be "silent" on the suffering in the Palestinian enclave.

Ripping up outgoing President Joe Biden's playbook of mostly behind-the-scenes pressure on Israel, the Vice President said after meeting Mr. Netanyahu that it was time to end the "devastating" war.

"What has happened in Gaza over the past nine months is devastating. The images of dead children and desperate hungry people fleeing for safety, sometimes displaced for the second, third or fourth time," Ms. Harris told presspersons.

"We cannot look away in the face of these tragedies. We cannot allow ourselves to become numb – to the suffering and I will not be silent."

The 59-year-old – now the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee after Mr. Biden said over the weekend he would not stand in November's election – said she pressed Mr. Netanyahu on the dire situation in the "frank" meeting.

She said she "expressed serious concern about the scale of human suffering in Gaza, including the death of far too many innocent civilians".

Mr. Biden, for his part, held Oval Office talks with Mr. Netanyahu and called on him to swiftly "finalise" a deal on a Gaza ceasefire and the release of hostages, and "reach a durable end to the war in Gaza," according to a White House readout of the meeting.

Ms. Harris also called for the establishment of a Palestinian state and, similar to Mr. Biden, urged both Mr. Netanyahu and Hamas to agree to a ceasefire and hostage release deal to end the war sparked by Hamas's October 7 attack on Israel.

Ms. Harris's outspoken comments were a stark contrast to the largely amiable greetings between Mr. Biden and Mr. Netanyahu earlier in the day, even if it masked months of tensions between the two men.

Ms. Harris has been more outspoken on Gaza in the past than Mr. Biden and there had been speculation that she could adopt a tougher approach on Israel.

Meanwhile, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump sharply criticised his Democratic political rivals and pledged to work for peace in the West Asia if re-elected as he met with Mr. Netanyahu in Florida on Friday.

Barack Obama endorses Kamala Harris, offers backing

Associated Press
ATLANTA

Former President Barack Obama and former first lady Michelle Obama have endorsed Kamala Harris in her White House bid, giving the Vice President the expected but still crucial backing of the nation's two most popular Democrats.

The endorsement, announced on Friday in a video showing Ms. Harris accepting a joint phone call from the former first couple, comes as Ms. Harris builds momentum as their party's likely nominee after President Joe Biden's decision to end his re-election bid and endorse his second-in-command against Republican nominee and former President Donald Trump.

Sri Lanka presidential polls to be held on Sept. 21

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's presidential polls will be held on September 21, the Election Commission said on Friday. Some 17 million voters will have their first chance of electing the country's leader, after a mass people's uprising ousted former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa two years ago.

President Ranil Wickremesinghe was among the first to formally get into the fray. His office announced making a cash deposit at the Commission for his candidacy as an Independent, although he has relied on the Rajapaksas' Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP or People's Front) since his rise to presidency through an urgent parliamentary vote, after Mr. Gotabaya's resignation amid the 2022 economic downturn.

Ranil Wickremesinghe

During his two years in office, Mr. Wickremesinghe has vowed to rebuild the country's economy with an International Monetary Fund-led austerity and reform programme. While no official announcement in regard to his candidacy was made until Friday, the senior politician has sought to highlight his efforts towards economic stability in recent public speeches, signalling a desire to contest. However, his government faces fierce criticism over high living costs, with several sectors demanding salary hikes to cope.

Mr. Wickremesinghe, 75, has served as Prime Minister six times, and as President for two years now, but has never won a presidential election through a popular vote.

In the election scheduled to be held this September, he faces two prominent challengers in Leader of Opposition Sajith Premadasa, and Leader of the National People's Power (NPP) alliance Anura Kumara Dissanayake in Sri Lanka's first three-cornered presidential race.

U.S. arrests Mexican drug lord 'El Mayo' and El Chapo's son

Reuters
WASHINGTON

Ismael 'El Mayo' Zambada

Mexican drug kingpin Ismael "El Mayo" Zambada and the son of his former partner, Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, were arrested on Thursday in El Paso, Texas, in a major coup for U.S. authorities that may also reshape the Mexican criminal landscape.

Zambada is one of the most consequential traffickers in Mexico's history and co-founded the Sinaloa Cartel with El Chapo, who was extradited to the United States in 2017 and is serving a life sentence in a maximum security prison.

Both Zambada and Joaquin Guzman Lopez, the son of El Chapo, face multiple charges in the U.S. for funnelling huge quantities of drugs to streets, including fentanyl, which has become z leading cause of death for Americans.

French rail network hit by 'sabotage' on eve of Paris Olympics

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

France's rail network was paralysed on Friday by coordinated acts of sabotage which knocked out most of its high-speed train services hours before the Paris Olympics opening ceremony.

French rail operator SNCF said three night-time arson attacks had destroyed cabling boxes at strategic junctions around its network at locations north, south-west and east of Paris.

A fourth attempted act of vandalism south-east of the capital was thwarted by rail workers who spotted intruders in the early hours of Friday.

"Our intelligence services and law enforcement are mobilised to find and punish the perpetrators of these criminal acts," Prime Minister Gabriel Attal posted on X, calling the attacks "prepared and coordinated acts of sabotage".

The Paris Olympics are set to open in a spectacular and unprecedented ceremony on the river Seine on Friday evening, with many ticket holders set to travel to the City of Light by train. Around 25% of trains on the Eurostar network were cancelled.

Former deputy Defence Minister held on charges of corruption in Russia, says FSB

Reuters
MOSCOW

Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) said on Friday that Dmitry Bulgakov, a former deputy Defence Minister, had been arrested and charged with corruption, the *Interfax* news agency reported.

The *RIA* state news agency quoted the FSB as saying that an investigation was under way to establish the facts of Mr. Bulgakov's alleged "illegal activities". It said he was sent to a pretrial detention centre in Moscow.

Mr. Bulgakov, who was in charge of military logistics until he was dismissed in September 2022, is the latest in a string of high-profile Defence Ministry figures to have been charged with corruption.

The arrests are the biggest scandal to hit the Russian Army in years and come at a time when the new Defence Minister, Andrei Belousov, an economist with no military experience, has been tasked with purging the Army of corruption and streamlining its finances to fund what Moscow calls its "special military operation" in Ukraine.

Dmitry Bulgakov

The clampdown on high-level corruption began on April 23 with the arrest of Deputy Defence Minister Timur Ivanov, a close ally of ex-Defence Ministry Sergei Shoigu.

The Kremlin has played down the previous arrests and said other Russian state agencies were engaged in similar anti-corruption efforts.

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The General Public are hereby informed that our client, is an Agreement Holder and is intending to purchase the property more fully mentioned in the Schedule here in below for valuable consideration from, **SMT. SHASHIKALA.R.** aged about 45 years, W/o Sri. Rudra Aradhya, **SMT. PUSHPA.N.** aged about 34 years, W/o Sri. Venkatesh & **SRI. ANANDACHARI. B.C.** aged about 47 years, S/o Sri. Chikkaramachari who has represented that they are the absolute owner and is in peaceful possession of the properties morefully described in the Schedule Item.No.1 to Item.No.3. Any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right in the Schedule properties Item.No.1 to Item.No.3, may lodge their objections and/ or claims with the undersigned along with the supporting documentary evidences within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of this publication, and any objections or claims received thereafter will not be binding on our client and our client will proceed to purchase the Schedule properties Item.No.1 to Item.No.3, as if there are no claimant/s or objections from any person/s.
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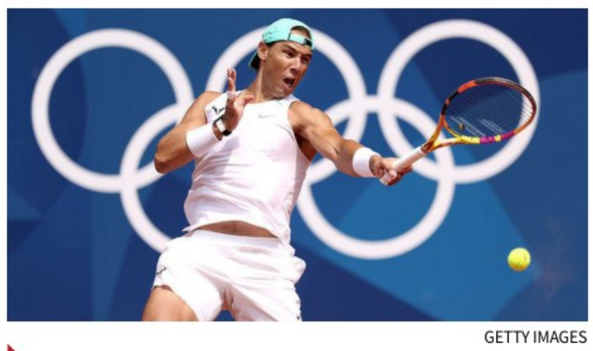
BACK IN ACTION

Nadal returns to training after Olympics injury scare

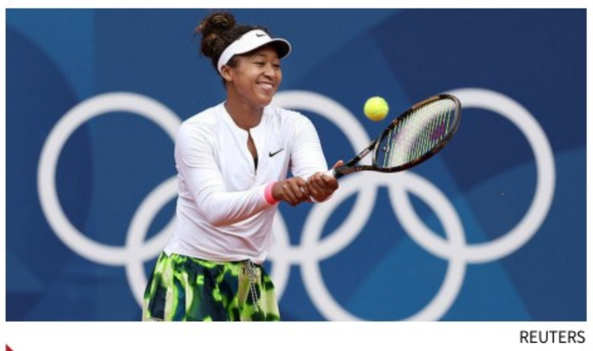


GETTY IMAGES

Rafael Nadal returned to training on Friday after an injury scare had put his participation at the Olympics in doubt. Nadal practised with Carlos Alcaraz, with whom he is scheduled to compete alongside for Spain in the men's doubles first round on Saturday. He wore a bandage on his right leg after suffering a thigh injury on Wednesday.

HIGH AMBITIONS

Osaka aims to make a grand return with a stellar show in Paris Games

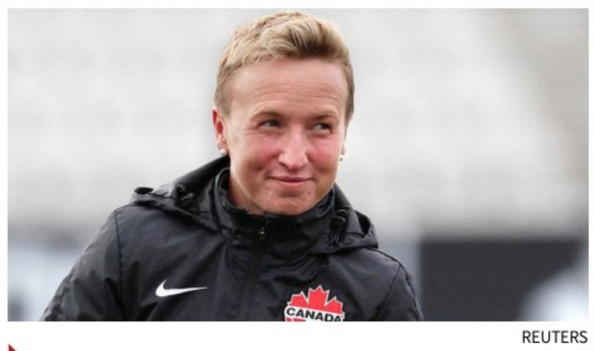


REUTERS

Japan's Naomi Osaka lit the Olympic cauldron in Tokyo three years ago but she has it all to prove in Paris as she continues her slow-burning return to tennis. She begins her Paris Games campaign against Germany's Angelique Kerber on Saturday. "I have high ambitions and I hope that I can do really well and get a medal."

DRONE CONTROVERSY

Canada soccer removes Priestman as Olympic women's team coach



REUTERS

Bev Priestman was removed as head coach of the Canadian Olympic women's football team on Thursday after Canada Soccer found evidence of drone spying before the Paris Olympics. Assistant coach Andy Spence will lead the Canadian women's national team for the remainder of the Paris Olympics, Canada Soccer said.

CRITICISM

Evenepoel unhappy with 'holes' in road for Olympics time trial

AFP

Remco Evenepoel, one of the favourites for Olympic time trial gold on Saturday, criticised the presence of numerous "holes" on the Paris roads which will stage the event. "The first and last five kilometres are not the best roads unfortunately. There are a lot of holes in the tarmac so it's not great for a time trial bike to ride on it."

Paris unveils the ultimate spectacle with pomp, fervour and splendour

There has never been a celebration this grand during the 128-year history of the modern Olympiad as the Opening Ceremony, along the Seine, features iconic landmarks before culminating at Eiffel Tower; 78 athletes and officials from 12 disciplines take part from the Indian contingent

PARIS 2024

Y.B. Sarangi
PARIS

Vibrant start: Sharath and Sindhu lead India's contingent at the Opening Ceremony. GETTY IMAGES

The magnificent City of Light, dotted with the spectacular Eiffel Tower and scores of majestic buildings featuring admirable architecture, welcomed the 33rd Olympic Games in a unique way, with the much-awaited Opening Ceremony on the Seine involving a stretch of Paris' rich heritage, here on Friday.

The riot of colours and lights turned the Seine and the pastel city into a surreal place, amalgamating history and contemporariness in a spellbinding show conceptualised by Thierry Reboul and directed by Thomas Jolly, to celebrate the return of the Olympics to the city after a century.

Contrast this to the eighth edition of the Games which were held inside the Yves-du-Manoir Stadium in 1924. The Eiffel Tower was as young as only 35 years and the Roland Garros, the home of French Open for close to a century now, was only 33 and was still a year away from hosting its first Major. Paris' Olympic reincarnation exactly after a century tells a story of the world's evolution as well.

The novel parade, over six kilometres on Seine, took off from the Austerlitz bridge beside the Jardin des Plantes in the evening before passing under several bridges and gateways. It provided the athletes a nice view of some of the Games venues, such as Parc Urbain La Concorde, the Esplanade des Invalides, the Grand Palais and the Iena bridge, where the parade ended before the finale took place at the Trocadero.

Greece, the first host of the Games, led the flotilla of 85 boats carrying 6800 athletes with water fountains adding to the beauty of the setting. A Refugee Olympic Team followed, underlining the times we live in as 205 delegates from different countries and hundreds of thousands of people, including several who watched it free, witnessed the amazing show.

With helicopters keeping a watch overhead, 12 cultural tableaux, a cabaret show by Lady Gaga and stunning musical performances by leading French artists, including Aya Nakamura, broke the monotony of the parade.

71 giant screens, beaming the live action from 170 cameras, and strategically placed speakers allowed everyone to enjoy the magical atmosphere of this show reverberating throughout Paris.

Dressed in their tricolour-themed ceremonial attire, the designer kurta bundi sets for men and sarees for women, the Indians stood out.

78 athletes and officials from 12 disciplines took part in athletes' parade, led by double Olympic medallist shuttler P.V. Sindhu and five-time Olympian Sharath Kamal.

The Indian athletes who took part in the grand event included some prominent names such as four-time Olympian archers Deepika Kumari and Tarundeep Rai, Tokyo Games bronze medallist boxer Lovlina Borgohain, shooters Anjum Moudgil, Sift Kaur Samra, Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar and Anish Bhanwala, paddler Manika Batra and tennis player Rohan Bopanna.

At twilight, the bridges on the Seine lit up and set the stage for the Olympic flame to take its pride of place.

POSTCARD FROM PARIS

Crowd support: Despite the rail disruptions, fans came out in large numbers to watch the Opening Ceremony. Y.B. SARANGI

An embellished Eiffel Tower

If Paris is hosting the Olympics, how can its most recognisable landmark, the Eiffel Tower, be left alone!

A visit to one of the most famous towers, which was first opened for the public way back in 1889, shows how nicely the engineering marvel has got in sync with the Games being held 135 years after its birth.

The Olympic rings placed upon it adds to its beauty. On the other side, the fenced arena of the beach volleyball venue creates a fine ambience.

A bit of music played from temporary stands builds the mood for celebrations.

Commuting made easy

The vast, multi-layered, complex and efficient transport network in Paris has made some adaptations to serve the massive Games related crowd.

Metros, RER trains, buses and trams not only connect almost all the major Games venues, but have also sufficient signage to guide the commuters.

For the personnel working in the deliverance and coverage of the Games, special Navigo Easy travel cards and Transport Accred app makes life easier while traversing the length and breadth of the big city.

Palpable excitement

Despite the disruption of train services, the Parisians' excitement for the Olympics opening ceremony was noticeable.

Thousands of spectators, holding the French tricolour, walked up to different entry points in orderly manner.

It was a pleasant surprise to see some members of the Indian contingent, including table tennis player Kamlesh Mehta, who are not part of the opening ceremony, in the crowd. To witness the overall enthusiasm for the Games was a beautiful experience.

— Y.B. Sarangi

The long road to equal participation at the Games

Y.B. Sarangi
PARIS

With Paris 2024 setting a new benchmark as the most gender-equal Games ever in terms of number, it is time to look back at the long road the modern Olympics has taken in its 128-year-old journey to reach this stage.

When the Games was revived in 1896 at its spiritual home Athens, women's participation was zero. It was during the first Paris Games in 1900 that 22 women (2.2 per cent out of the 997 participating athletes) were reluctantly allowed to compete for the first time.

Paris again took the lead with a significant number of women participating (the number crossing 100 for the first time, with 125 women out of 3070 athletes) in 1924 and ultimately attained equality after a hundred years.

"Although Paris 1924 was the last edition of the Games at which women were not able to compete in athletics events, their participation in tennis, fencing, swimming, and – albeit less prominently – in other events (sailing and artistic gymnastics) was significant at a time when they were still being firmly rejected by the world of sport," wrote Thierry Terret, former minister delegate for the Olympic and Paralympic Games Paris 2024, in Olympic Review.

Grudgingly conceded

It has taken more than a century for different sports disciplines, ruled mostly by men, to slowly concede and let female athletes compete.

Although athletics, one of the most anticipated disciplines, permitted women to take part in 1928, it was not until 1984 that the women's marathon event was added.

Three other popular sports – swimming, fencing and gymnastics – started witnessing women athletes from 1912, 1924 and 1928 respectively.

Female athletes began competing in shooting in 1968, before a separate women's events were added in 1984.

Modern pentathlon and weightlifting welcomed the women in 2000, but wrestling had to wait until the following edition.

Boxing, another combat sport, took quite a while – as late as 2012 London Games – to accept women.

The participation of women slowly increased in the post-World War II era and finally crossed 30 per cent (34 per cent to be precise) in the 1996 Atlanta Games.

With the International Olympic Committee (IOC) working with International Federations and National Olympic Committees to push for increased participation of women, the percentage has witnessed a steady rise over the last 25 years to reach 48 per cent in Tokyo and even closer to 50 per cent in Paris (out of the projected total figure of 10,500 athletes).

Initiatives such as an increase in the number of medal events for women and introduction of mixed gender events have contributed in making the greater participation of women more meaningful.

The undisputed victor of Olympic shooting

Jonathan Selvaraj
PARIS

Having drawn a blank in Tokyo, there might understandably be a hint of nerves among the Indian shooting contingent ahead of the Paris 2024 Olympics, beginning at Chateauroux on Saturday. There is one Indian, however, who is supremely confident of his prospects going into the event.

It is Nilesh Rane and Capapie - a Thane-based rifle jacket-making company, he founded 27 years ago and whose products are ubiquitous in elite shooting now.

Thoroughly dominant

Regardless of how the Indian team does, the gold medallist at rifle events will most certainly be wearing a jacket, the arm of which bears the trademark Capapie patch of a kneeling rifle-shooter on a green triangle.

According to 44-year-old Rane, the challenge would be to better Capapie's performance from three years ago. "Shooters wearing Capapie jackets won eight of the 15 medals and four of the five gold medals in rifle events. Shooters wearing our jackets can win every medal in Paris," he says.

Quality matters: Rane is in Paris to incorporate feedback on his jackets and further improve its quality. EMMANUAL YOGINI

At the Tokyo Olympics, by Rane's own estimate, some 70 per cent of the rifle shooters were using his jackets. This time, he conservatively guesses, the number is around 90 per cent although Abhinav Bindra - speaking to *Sportstar* - thinks the number might be even higher.

Using a patented material and custom tailoring provides a massive edge at the elite level. Many feel the rapid rise in rifle scores over the last couple of Olympic cycles is a testament to the obsequiousness of the jacket's use.

Unlike the kit for most other sports, the shooting jacket is critical to performance, especially in rifle events. Its main function is to support the shooter's body. "In rifle events, shooters lean away from the target and towards their heels, which is an unnatural position. Jackets were introduced to relieve stress on muscles, tendons, and bones. A jacket that fits properly supports the back and reduces the effort needed to hold that position," says Heinz Reinkemeier who coached Bindra to a gold medal at the Beijing Olympics.

Growing up in Mumbai, Rane was always interested in sports. He only took up shooting because his grandfather had a nearly 100-year-old boar-hunting rifle and he had heard that it would be easier to get a license once he became a national shooter. Training under Sanjay Chakravarty, he went on to compete at the national level.

Those were early days of shooting in India and equipment was scarce.

Rane, tired of sharing his shooting jacket, made one for himself. Eventually, other shooters started noticing his kit and asked him if he could make one for them as well.

Rane was a fairly strong shooter but eventually decided to switch full-time to making jackets. "There came a time when people started calling me, not because of my shooting, but because I made good-quality jackets," he says.

Slow start

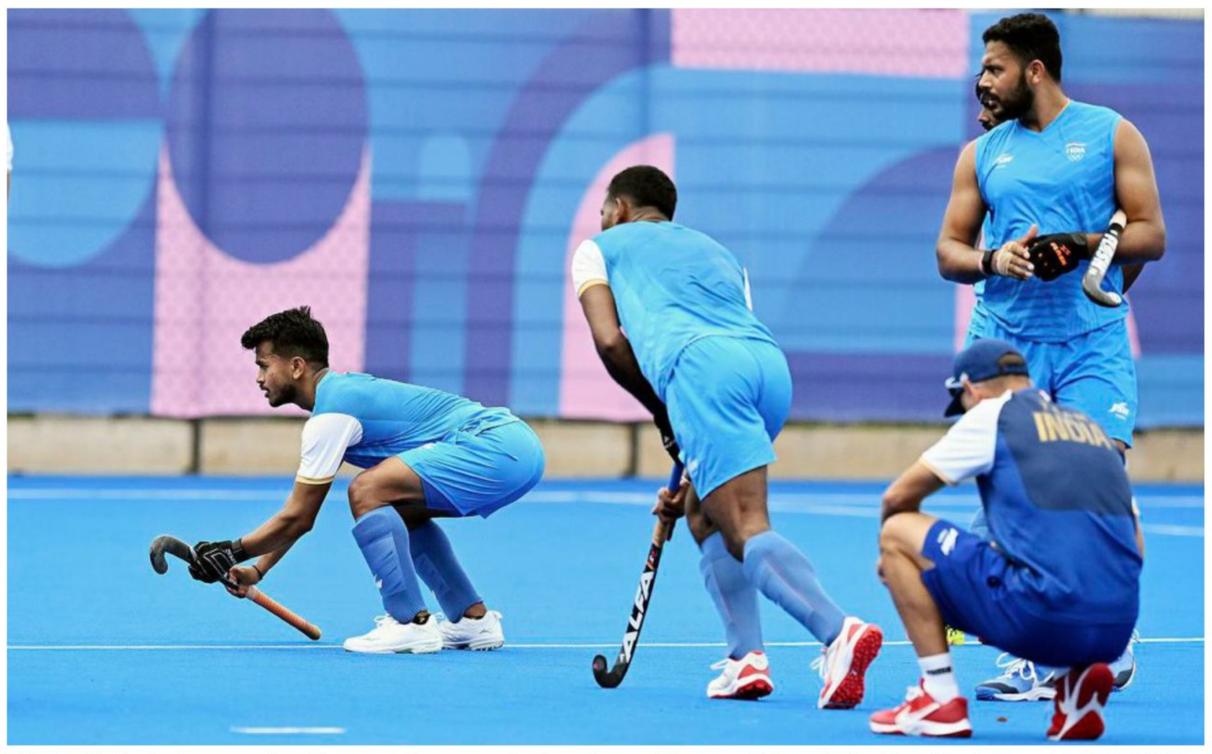
For all his passion, the going was slow in the initial years. Shooting jackets are a very niche market and all of Rane's customers were from India.

He says he sees his early years not as a struggle but a time for experimenting with materials and pattern making.

That tinkering finally paid off in 2014 when Rane came up with a material that he would term Capitex, a synthetic-canvas blend that provided far superior stiffness than previous fabrics had while still being flexible enough to pass the ISSF's standards.

Perhaps, the toughest market to crack was China. "They were the most reluctant to change. They are extremely particular about what they want but when they saw that everyone else who was using my jackets was doing well, they had no choice. The entire Chinese rifle shooting team switched to Capapie in 2019, just one year before the Olympics and then, they won three gold medals out of five," he noted.

Rane is currently in Chateauroux where he will be speaking to shooters and coaches to try and see how he can further improve his product. "I'm always looking to get better. That's how you stay in front," he says.



Primed: The Indian team, coming after preparatory camps in Bengaluru and Europe, will be up for the Olympics challenge. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Stern New Zealand test awaits India as it aims to start campaign with a win

Harmanpreet's men, who chose to skip the opening ceremony to concentrate on the match at the Yves-du-Manoir Stadium, will be eager to improve their medal colour in Paris

Y.B. Sarangi
PARIS

Backed by good preparation and acclimatisation, the Indian hockey team is calmly approaching its opening match against New Zealand with an intention to improve the colour of its Tokyo bronze medal in the Paris Olympics at the historic Yves-du-Manoir Stadium here on Saturday.

Following a series of matches against top teams in the FIH Pro League, preparatory camps in Bengaluru and Europe, the Harmanpreet Singh-led side – supported by mental trainer Paddy Upton and adventurer Mike Horn, who were part of the support staff under coach Gary Kirsten and contributed to the Indian cricket team's 2011 World Cup triumph – was down to fine-tune its game behind closed doors on the eve of the crucial encounter.

India will aim to begin with a win and get some momentum against New Zealand. "Our focus is to improve match by match. We are fully ready for tomorrow's game. We have analysed them well. We have worked on minor fine-tuning today," Harmanpreet told *The Hindu*.

"We have had almost one week (to acclimatise). The ground is good. We had three good matches in Holland. We are looking forward to playing well."

The sessions with Upton have helped the players calm their nerves prior to the big event. "We are relaxed. You need to be mentally calm and physically fit. We have worked on it. I think it will definitely help us in this tournament. All of us know what their target is and what they have to do."

Harmanpreet was delighted to be playing at the celebrated ground, the only venue of the 1924 Olympics to be used for the Games after a century and wanted to make it more memorable for Team India. "I saw it (the fact) yesterday. It is a good opportunity that after 100 years it is happening here again. We should win it and take the gold medal and make it memorable."

The Indian team, which will meet Argentina (July 29), Ireland (July 30), Belgium (August 1), Australia (August 2) in its other Pool-B engagements, chose to skip the opening ceremony as it wanted to focus on its first match.

INDIANS IN ACTION

A look at some Indian players/teams who will compete on Saturday (all times IST):

Badminton: Group stage: Men: Lakshya vs Cordon (Gua), 7.10 p.m.; **Doubles:** Satwiksairaj & Chirag vs Corvee & Labar (Fra), 8 p.m.; **Women's doubles:** Tanisha & Ashwini vs Kim & Kong (Kor), 11.50 p.m.

Boxing (session begins at 11.30 p.m.): Women's 54kg (round-of-32): Preeti vs Vo (Vie).

Hockey: Men (Pool B): vs New Zealand (9 p.m.).

Shooting: 10m Air Rifle: Mixed team qualification (Elavenil & Sandeep, Ramita & Arjun Babuta), 12.30 p.m.; **10m Air Pistol: Men's qualification** (Arjun Cheema, Sarabjot), 2 p.m.; **Women's qualification** (Manu, Rhythm), 4 p.m.

Table tennis: Preliminary round: Men: Harmeet vs. Yaman (Jor), 7.15 p.m.

Tennis: Men's doubles first round: Sriram Balaji & Bopanna vs Reboul & Roger-Vasselin (Fra), 5 p.m.

GOING FOR GOLD

Cycling Road: Women's Individual Time Trial and Men's Individual Time Trial
Diving: Women's Synchronised 3m Springboard
Fencing: Women's Epee Individual and Men's Sabre
Judo: Women's 48kg and Men's 60kg
Rugby Sevens: Men
Shooting: 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team
Skateboarding: Men's Street Final
Swimming: Men's 400m Freestyle, Women's 400m Freestyle, Women's 4x100m Freestyle Relay and Men's 4x100m Freestyle Relay

Iraqi judoka tests positive for anabolic steroids

PARIS: Sajjad Sehen, a male judoka from Iraq, tested positive for two anabolic steroids (metandienone and boldenone) at the Paris Olympics, the International Testing Agency said on Friday. Sajjad is provisionally suspended while a disciplinary case is prosecuted, said the ITA.

Nishant gets favourable draw, others have their tasks cut out

Fight is on: Nishant got a bye and will face Ecuador's Rodriguez Tenorio in his first bout. X@BFI_OFFICIAL

BOXING

Y.B. Sarangi
PARIS

World championships bronze medallist Nishant Dev (71kg) has got a favourable draw, while other Indian boxers have got tougher draws in the boxing competitions of the Paris Olympics, starting in the North Paris Arena on Saturday.

World champions Nikhat Zareen (50kg) and Lovlina Borgohain (75kg) have to work harder in order to get closer to medals. Former Worlds silver medallist Amit Panghal (51kg) may have a tricky outing.

Nishant got a bye and will take on Ecuador's Rodriguez Tenorio in his first bout. If Nishant gets past the Ecuadorian, then he may meet Mexico's Pan American Games champion Merco Verde in the quarterfinals.

Nikhat will clash with Germany's Maxi Klotzer in the first round. If she progresses to the second round, then Nikhat will have to fight with top-seeded Chinese Asian Games champion and 52kg World champion Wu Yu. A win over Wu may pit Nikhat against another strong rival, Thailand's eighth-seeded Asian Games silver medallist Chuthamat Raksat, who had beaten the Indian in the Asian Games semifinals.

Eighth-seeded World champion Lovlina, a 69kg Tokyo bronze medallist, will take on Norway's Sunniva Hofstad in the first round. If Lovlina reaches the second round, then she is likely to face old rival and top-seeded two-time Olympic medallist Li Qian, who had beaten the Indian in the Asian Games gold-medal match. A win for Lovlina projects the possibility of her duel with either fifth-seeded Worlds silver medallist Caitlin Parker of Australia or Morocco's World champion fourth-seeded Moroccan Khadija El-Mardi in the quarterfinals.

Panghal has received a first-round bye and will meet Commonwealth Games bronze medallist and African Games champion Patrick Chinyemba of Zambia in the second round. If the seasoned Indian, who beat Chinyemba in the semifinals on his way to the Commonwealth gold medal, gets past the Zambian, then he will take on Thailand's Olympian and Asian Games silver medallist Thitisan Panmot in the quarterfinals.

A win over the Thai may pit the Indian against Tokyo Olympic bronze medallist Kazakh Saken Bibossinov or World champion and former Olympic medallist Uzbek Hasanboy Dusmatov in the semifinals.

Asian Games bronze medallist Preeti Pawar, who had health issues during the camp in Saarbrucken, will fight with Vietnam's Vo Thi Kim Anh in the first round and Worlds silver medallist Yeni Arias of Colombia. A victory may schedule Preeti's fight against Korean Olympian Im-Ae-Ji in the last-eight of 54kg.

Jaismine Lamboria will have an uphill task as she squares off against Olympic silver medallist Nesthy Petecio of Philippines in her campaign opener in 57kg.

If she scripts an upset, then next up will be Frenchwoman European Games gold medallist Aminia Zidani.

Renuka, Radha and Smriti power India into the final

ASIA CUP

Press Trust of India
DAMBULLA

Pacer Renuka Singh's three-wicket burst followed by Smriti Mandhana's brisk unbeaten fifty underlined India's ruthless performance as the defending champion walloped Bangladesh by 10 wickets and marched into its record-extending ninth women's Asia Cup final, here on Friday.

Shafali (26 not out, 28b, 2x4) and Smriti (55 not out, 39b, 9x4, 1x6) were on song from the word go as India overhauled the target of 81 without breaking a sweat in 11 overs.

Smriti and Shafali's knocks were filled with trademark shots around the ground as India motored to 46 for no loss in the PowerPlay.

Renuka (three for 10) upfront and Radha Yadav in the middle overs (three for 14) rattled Bangladesh with excellent spells. In fact, Bangladesh, which opted to bat, hardly recovered from the deep wounds inflicted by Renuka.

The Indians fielded vastly better compared to the previous games. Shafali's diving catch to send back Rabeya Khan was from the top draw.

In the second semifinal, Chamari Athapaththu's 63 guided Sri Lanka to a thrilling three-wicket win over Pakistan.

Good job: Renuka's three-for set up India's facile victory. X@BCCIWOMEN

SCOREBOARD

BANGLADESH

Dilara Akter c Uma b Renuka 6 *(4b, 1x6)*, Murshida Khatun c Shafali b Renuka 4 *(9b)*, Ishma Tanjim c Tanuja b Renuka 8 *(10b, 2x4)*, Nigar Sultana c Deepti b Radha 32 *(51b, 2x4)*, Rumana Ahmed b Radha 1 *(11b)*, Rabeya Khan c Shafali b Pooja 1 *(7b)*, Ritu Moni st. Richa b Deepti 5 *(6b)*, Shorna Akter (not out) 19 *(18b, 2x4)*, Nahida Akter b Radha 0 *(2b)*, Marufa Akter (not out) 0 *(3b)*; Extras (lb-1, w-2, nb-1): 4; Total (for eight wkts. in 20 overs): 80.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-7 (Dilara, 0.4 overs), 2-17 (Ishma, 2.6), 3-21 (Murshida, 4.5), 4-30 (Rumana, 9.1), 5-33 (Rabeya, 10.5), 6-44 (Ritu, 13.3), 7-80 (Nigar, 19.1), 8-80 (Nahida, 19.3).

INDIA BOWLING

Renuka 4-1-10-3, Pooja 4-0-25-1, Tanuja 4-0-16-0, Deepti 4-0-14-1, Radha 4-1-14-3.

INDIA

Shafali Verma (not out) 26 *(28b, 2x4)*, Smriti Mandhana (not out) 55 *(39b, 9x4, 1x6)*; Extras (w-1, nb-1): 2; Total (for no loss in 11 overs): 83.

BANGLADESH BOWLING

Marufa 2-0-17-0, Nahida 3-0-34-0, Jahanara 3-0-17-0, Rabeya 2-0-10-0, Rumana 1-0-5-0.

Toss: Bangladesh; **PoM:** Renuka.
India won by 10 wickets with nine overs to spare.

Second semifinal: Pakistan 140/4 in 20 overs (Gull Feroza 25, Muneeba Ali 37, Udeshika Prabodhani 2/23, Kavisha Dilhari 2/30) lost to Sri Lanka 141/7 in 19.5 overs (Chamari Athapaththu 63, Sadia Iqbal 4/16). **Toss:** Sri Lanka; **PoM:** Athapaththu.

A new era begins as India, under Gambhir, takes on Sri Lanka

INDIA IN LANKA

Pranay Rajiv
PALLEKELE

It is rare for an Indian cricket series to be obscured from the nation's eye by another sporting event. But, such is the glow of the Olympics, that it has forced India's white-ball expedition to Sri Lanka down the pecking order.

The tour, which begins with the first of the three T20Is here on Saturday, though has something significant to offer. It will provide a first look at an Indian side under a new leadership yoke – Gautam Gambhir as coach and Suryakumar Yadav as captain.

Gambhir, whose coaching experience is restricted to mentorship roles in IPL, will seek to identify a core group and build towards defending the T20 World Cup in 2026.

For Suryakumar, the task will be to fill in the leadership vacuum left behind by the likes of Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, who have retired from T20Is.

Share of spotlight

A share of the spotlight will also fall on star all-rounder Hardik Pandya, who was overlooked as captain despite being Rohit's deputy in the World Cup triumph.

Hardik also lost out on the vice-captaincy role to Shubman Gill, who the team is eyeing as the next multi-format batting mainstay.

Gill, who captained a heavily rotated Indian side to a 4-1 win in Zimbabwe after the World Cup, looks set to continue at the top of the order along with Yashasvi Jaiswal.

Choice of wicketkeeper

Another aspect to look forward will be Gambhir's choice of wicketkeeper. The Indian coach in the past has vouched for backing Sanju Samson for a sustained period, while for the recent T20 World Cup, he opined Rishabh Pant to be a better fit for the batting order.

The absence of strike pair Jasprit Bumrah and Kuldeep Yadav, who have been rested, will offer the rest of the Indian bowling attack a chance to stake claim for an assured spot in the side.

Much like India, Sri Lanka too comes into the series with a new coach and captain. But the circumstances couldn't be any dissimilar. A calamitous T20 World Cup campaign saw Wanindu Hasaranga being stripped of captaincy with middle-order batter Charith Asalanka taking over. Legendary opener Sanath Jayasuriya is the interim coach, replacing Chris Silverwood.

Much of Sri Lanka's hopes will rely on its well-rounded bowling attack which covers most of the bases in the T20 format.

Having a blast: Hardik, Pant and teammates during a practice session ahead of the first T20I against Sri Lanka. AFP

The teams (from): India: Suryakumar Yadav (Capt.), Shubman Gill (Vice-capt.), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Rinku Singh, Riyan Parag, Rishabh Pant (wk), Sanju Samson (wk), Hardik Pandya, Shivam Dube, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Ravi Bishnoi, Arshdeep Singh, Khaleel Ahmed, Mohammed Siraj.

Sri Lanka: Charith Asalanka (Capt.), Pathum Nissanka, Kusal Janith Perera, Avishka Fernando, Kusal Mendis, Dinesh Chandimal, Kamindu Mendis, Dasun Shanaka, Wanindu Hasaranga, Dunith Wellalage, Maheesh Theekshana, Chamindu Wickramasinghe, Matheesha Pathirana, Dilshan Madushanka, Asitha Fernando, Binura Fernando.

Match starts at 7 p.m. IST.

Holder's all-round display rocks England

WI IN ENGLAND

Agence France-Presse
BIRMINGHAM

Jason Holder produced a all-round display as the West Indies took three late wickets, including both England openers off successive deliveries, in a stirring fightback on Friday's opening day of the third Test at Edgbaston.

Holder's 59 helped turn West Indies' 115 for five into a total of 282 all out as it looked to restore some pride, having already lost this three-match series at 0-2 down.

Fine catches

And the towering all-rounder held two fine slip catches as England slumped to 38 for three at stumps, a deficit of 244 runs.

Zak Crawley fell for eight when he edged a loose drive off fast bowler Jayden Seales, with Holder holding a sharp chance to his left at second slip.

Ben Duckett, then, played on to Alzarri Joseph.

Wood departs

England had sent in Mark Wood as a nightwatchman after Crawley's exit but he fell for a duck, edging Seales low to Holder.

The scores: West Indies 282 in 75.1 overs (Brathwaite 61, Holder 59, Da Silva 49, Atkinson 4/67) vs. England 38/3 in 8 overs.
Toss: West Indies.

Vaidehi Chaudhari in semifinals

Sports Bureau

Vaidehi Chaudhari outplayed Anastasia Kovaleva 6-1, 6-4 in the quarterfinals of the $25,000 ITF women's tennis in Astana, Kazakhstan, on Friday. In the semifinals, Vaidehi will play Tatiana Prozorova.

Other results: €148,625 Challenger, Zug, Switzerland: Doubles: Quarterfinals: Remy Bertola & Luca Margaroli (Sui) bt Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan & Vijay Sundar Prashanth 1-6, 6-4, [17-15].
$25,000 ITF, Astana: Men: Quarterfinals: Amir Omarkhanov (Kaz) bt S.D. Prajwal Dev 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.
Doubles: Semifinals: Grigoriy Lomakin (Kaz) & Zura Tkemaladze (Geo) bt Prajwal Dev & Nitin Kumar Sinha 2-6, 7-5, [10-4]. **Quarterfinals:** Prajwal & Nitin bt Amir Omarkhanov & Vitaliy Ztespin (Kaz) 7-5, 7-6(1).
$15,000 ITF men, Monastir: Doubles: Quarterfinals: Massimo Giunta (Ita) & Younes Laaroussi (Mar) bt Chirag Duhan & Yurii Dzhavakian (Ukr) 6-2, 5-7, [10-5].
$100,000 ITF women, Figueira da Foz, Portugal: Doubles: Quarterfinals: Arianne Hartono (Ned) & Prarthana Thombare bt Gabriela Knutson (Cze) & Emily Webley-Smith (GBR) 7-5, 6-1.

Auction for PKL season 11 to be held on August 15 and 16

MUMBAI: As the Pro Kabaddi League approaches its 10th anniversary on July 26, Mashal Sports announced the PKL Season 11 Player Auction, which is scheduled for August 15 and 16 in Mumbai. According to a release, Mashal Sports revealed a new logo ahead of PKL Season 11. The logo showcases the colours of saffron and green similar to the Indian Tri-colour, portraying the game of kabaddi as the country's proud sport.

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Item-rate tenders, for the work in PWD No.1 South, Sub Division under this office noted below, are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement rules 2000 and as per Standard Tender Documents for procurement of works from the contractors registered in K.P.W.D. as per KPPP. Tender Notification are Published for 01 work **(Rs. 4800.00 Lakhs)** Details of the tender works can be obtained from the above Office during office hours on working days. EMD & Tender processing fees are mentioned in E-procurement portal.
Eligible contractors interested in tendering for the work may apply for the tender through e-procurement.
1.Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from Dated : **25.07.2024** onwards.
2. Pre-Bid Meeting Dated : **12.08.2024**
3.Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before 16:00 hours on dated : **24.08.2024**
4. The opening of tenders through e-procurement portal on dated: **26.08.2024** at **16.30 hours** or further date and time will be Intimate.
Name of the Work : Construction Of Farm/agri Innovation Centre At Electronic City Phase-1, Bengaluru. **PWD/2024-25/BD/WORK INDENT11232,**Estimated Amount (in Lakhs) : **4800.00,** Period for Completion of the work :**18 Months,** Class of eligible PWD Contractors : **Class 1.**
For more details contact this office.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PWD, Bangalore Division, Bangalore.

DIPR/CP/1109/Zen/2024-25

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Tender No.	Material Description	Due date
242523 001469	Bleached Chemi Thermo Mechanical Pulp Softwood (BCTMP SW 70) for Unit-II	09.08.24
242523 001475	Bleached Chemi Thermo Mechanical Pulp Hardwood (BCTMP HW 70) for Unit-II	10.08.24
242513 002381	Bleached Chemi Thermo Mechanical Pulp Hardwood (BCTMP HW 80) for Unit-I & Unit-II	12.08.24
242513 002380	Bleached Softwood Kraft Pulp (BSKP) for Unit-I	14.08.24
242523 001477	Bleached Softwood Kraft Pulp (BSKP) for Unit-II	14.08.24
242513 002374	Procurement of Optical Brightening Agent for PM #1,2 & 3 a) Wet End Liquid OBA b) Surface Liquid OBA	08.08.24
242513 002376	Procurement of Cationic Starch (In Jumbo Bags) for Unit-I	08.08.24
242513 002377	Procurement of Sulphamic Acid (Commercial) for Unit-I	09.08.24
242513 002378	Procurement of Ortho Phosphoric Acid 85% Purity for Unit-I	09.08.24
Email	242523001469; 1475; 242513002381; 2380; 242523001477 purchase.pulp@tnpl.co.in 242513002374; 2376; 2377; 2378 - purchase.rawmatl@tnpl.co.in	

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL website and NIC Portal only. Detailed Terms & conditions are available in tender document at our websites : www.tnpl.com / www.tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app

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Adv. No: UUSDA/P-92/889 Date: 26.07.2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)
(REBID-2)

Urban Development Department, Government of Uttarakhand has applied for a loan from Asian Development Bank for financing the **Uttarakhand Integrated & Resilient Urban Development Project- Additional Financing (UIRUDP-AF), in the State of Uttarakhand**. The Project involves development of urban infrastructure facilities like 24X7 Water Supply, Wastewater Management including Road Restoration in the proposed Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for works.

The **"Program Director"**, Uttarakhand Urban Sector Development Agency (UUSDA), Government of Uttarakhand" **(the Employer)** invites online bids through the Uttarakhand state e-procurement portal **https://uktenders.gov.in**, from eligible Bidders for the design, execution, commissioning, and O&M of the work as detailed below:

Name of Work	Package No.	Invitation of Bid No.	Last Date & Time of Submission
WS-TNK-01: Development of Water Supply System with 18 years O&M, at Tanakpur, in Uttarakhand.	DBO-02	UIRUDP-AF/OCB - N/DBO-02/R2/ 2024-25	27th August 2024 till 03:00 PM (15:00 Hrs.)

Date of publication of bid document	26.07.2024 at 05:00 PM, (17:00 Hrs.)
Pre Bid Meeting	05.08.2024 at 04:00 PM, (16:00 Hrs.)
Bid document may be uploaded from	20.08.2024 at 03:00 PM, (15:00 Hrs.)
Last Date/Time for downloading of the bid document	27.08.2024 at 02:30 PM, (14:30 Hrs.)

The prospective bidders can download the detailed bid document in the prescribed format and upload the bid on the website, https://uktenders.gov.in. Program Director, UUSDA reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals or to cancel the entire process without assigning any reason thereof. Further details of the bid document including subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be downloaded from the website https://uktenders.gov.in.

Program Director
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(Ref No: NCPOR/09/2024 dated 25 July 2024)

The National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR) announces a Global Design Competition for redeveloping Maitri Station in Antarctica. Professional architects, architectural and engineering firms, or consortiums with experience in polar projects are invited.

The project includes conceptualizing energy-efficient building structures, life support utilities and a master plan for dispersed structures, with careful consideration of the Antarctic climate and ecology.

Important Dates

- Pre-registration Clarification Meeting: Monday, 19-Aug-2024
- Registration Deadline: Tuesday, 03-Sep-2024
- Submission Deadline: Tuesday, 05-Nov-2024

For detailed competition guidelines and submission procedures, visit NCPOR Website https://ncpor.res.in/tenders/details/13

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विज्ञापन सं:NCPOR/09/2024 For & on Behalf of Director, NCPOR

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EXTRACT OF THE STATEMENT OF AUDITED STANDALONE AND AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 (₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Particulars	STANDALONE				CONSOLIDATED			
		Three Months Ended			Year Ended	Three Months Ended			Year Ended
		30.06.2024	31.03.2024	30.06.2023	31.03.2024	30.06.2024	31.03.2024	30.06.2023	31.03.2024
		Audited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited
1.	**Total income from operations**	**20365.28**	**20826.44**	**17987.82**	**79285.50**	**20365.28**	**20826.44**	**17988.02**	**79283.01**
2.	**Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)**	**469.64**	**843.52**	**747.44**	**3659.87**	**484.07**	**859.03**	**755.62**	**3693.69**
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	469.64	843.52	747.44	3659.87	484.07	859.03	755.62	3693.69
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	342.60	612.38	548.32	2711.25	357.03	627.89	556.50	2745.07
5.	**Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]**	**340.93**	**615.19**	**548.32**	**2714.06**	**355.36**	**630.72**	**556.50**	**2747.90**
6.	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value - ₹ 10 each)	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91	148.91
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	8534.94	8194.01	4750.07	8194.01	8777.33	8421.97	4945.42	8421.97
8.	Securities Premium Account	250.04	250.04	250.04	250.04	250.04	250.04	250.04	250.04
9.	Networth	8933.89	8592.96	6829.29	8592.96	9176.28	8820.92	7031.60	8820.92
10.	Paid up Debt Captial / Outstanding Debt (Bonds / Debentures) excluding Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	810	1585	1585	1585.00	810	1585	1585	1585.00
11.	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares (50,00,00,000 {2023:50,00,00,000} Non-Convertible Cumulative Redeemable Preference Shares of ₹ 10 each) (Not listed)	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
12.	Debt Equity Ratio	0.49	0.32	0.86	0.32	0.48	0.31	0.84	0.31
13.	Earnings Per Share (of ₹. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)								
	(i) Basic (₹ / share)	23.01	41.12	36.82	182.07	23.98	42.17	37.37	184.34
	(ii) Diluted (₹ / share)	23.01	41.12	36.82	182.07	23.98	42.17	37.37	184.34
14.	Capital Redemption Reserve	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1000.00
15.	Debenture Redemption Reserve				-				-
16.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	0.65	8.95	7.98	10.79	0.66	9.12	8.07	10.89
17.	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	14.00	20.52	16.63	20.10	14.30	20.82	16.78	20.26

Note:
1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 and 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites: www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com. The same is also available on the company's website www.cpcl.co.in
2 For the other line items referred in regulation 52(4) of the Listing Regulations, pertinent disclosures have been made to stock exchanges (BSE and NSE) and can be acessed on www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com

Place : Chennai
Date : July 25, 2024

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Rohit Kumar Agrawala
Director (Finance)
DIN: 10048961

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ई-निविदा आमंत्रित करते हुए संक्षिप्त सूचना / BRIEF NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से, निम्नलिखित कार्य के लिए ई-टेंडरिंग द्वारा ऑनलाइन मद-दर निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।
On behalf of the President of India, online item-rate tenders are invited through E-tendering for the following works.

1. हाउसिंग कॉलनी, वीएसएससी, तुंबा में पुराने ए टाईप (सं. 60) केऔसुब कर्मचारी क्वार्टर्स का नवीकरण (सिविल तथा पीएच कार्य) / Renovation of old A type (60 nos) CISF Staff quarters at Housing Colony, VSSC, Thumba (Civil & PH works) / **NIT No. VSSC/CMG/C01/13/2024-25 Dt. 26.07.2024 (पी.ए.सी./P.A.C.: ₹ 261.49 लाख/Lakhs)**
2. हाउसिंग कॉलनी, वीएसएससी में 60 केऔसुब कर्मचारी क्वार्टरों के नवीकरण के सिलसिले में विद्युत कार्य / Electrical works in connection with renovation of 60 Nos CISF staff quarters at Housing Colony, VSSC. / **NIT No. VSSC/CMG/E01/13/2024-25 Dt. 26.07.2024 (पी.ए.सी./P.A.C.: ₹ 27.31 लाख/Lakhs)**

डाउनलोड करने की अवधि/Period for downloading: दिनांक 26.07.2024, 17.00 बजे/hrs से/to दिनांक 05.08.2024, 23.00 बजे/hrs

ई-निविदा आवधि बढाना / EXTENSION OF E-TENDER

1. टर्म्स, वीएसएससी, तुंबा मे टीओएमडी के लिए परिवहन कॉम्प्लेक्स (भारी वाहन अनुरक्षण बे) का निर्माण (सिविल तथा पीएच कार्य) / Construction of Transport Complex (Heavy Vehicle Maintenance bay) for TOMD at TERLS, VSSC, Thumba (Civil & PH works). **NIT No. VSSC/CMG/C01/07/2024-25 Dt. 03.07.2024**

डाउनलोड करने की अवधि/Period for downloading: दिनांक 05.08.2024, को 23.00 बजे तक बढाए गए / Extended upto 23:00 hrs on 05.08.2024

योग्यता मानदंड तथा अन्य ब्यौरों को पाने के लिए इच्छुक निविदाकार ई-निविदा आमंत्रित करते हुए विस्तृत सूचना (ई-एनआइटी) का अवलोकन करें, जिसे www.tenderwizard.in/isro or www.isro.gov.in से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (E-NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from website www.tenderwizard.in/isro or www.isro.gov.in.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, P.W.D. DISTT. DN. II, UDAIPUR
No.: 453 Date: 18.07.2024

Notice Inviting Bid No. 02/2024-25
NIB No.: PWD2425A0789

Bids for Construction of various BT roads under DMFT 2024-25 are invited from interested bidders upto 19.07.2024 11.00 AM to 30.07.2024 06.00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal ("http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in" and "http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in") of the state, and department website. The approximate value of procurement of 4 Works is Rs. 802.09 Lacs.
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3. PWD2425WSOB03030 3. PWD2425WSOB03031

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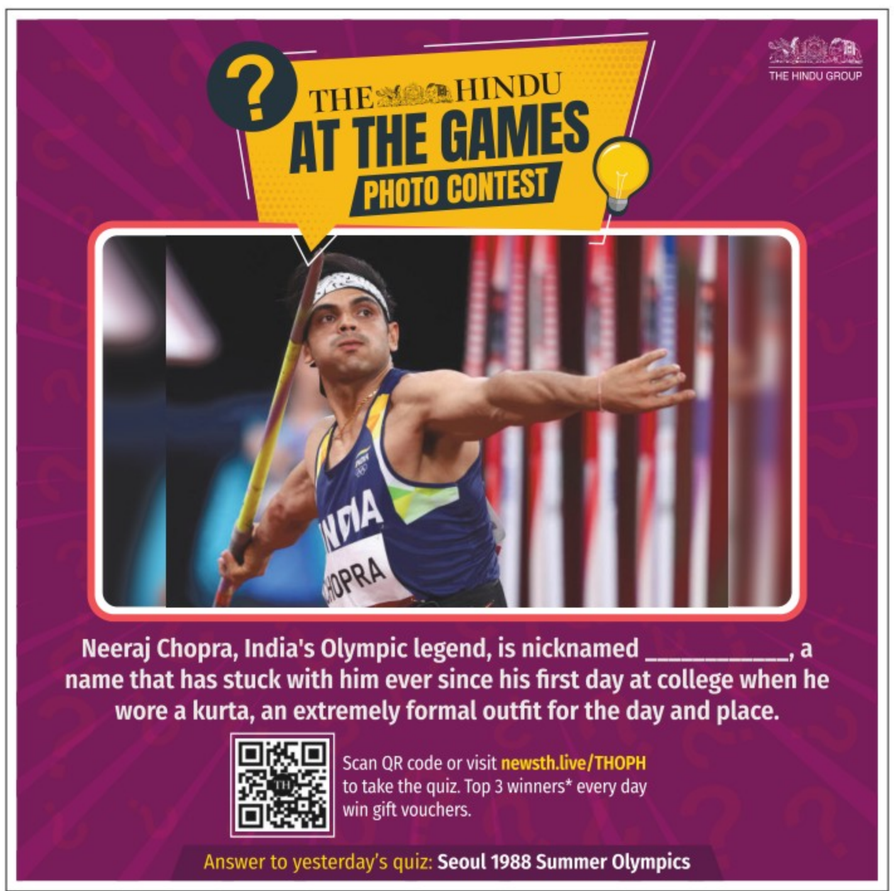

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of SITARC, we are inviting reputed firms / company and manufactures for separate sealed **short-term tender** in two bid cover system - Techno-Commercial bid and Price bid for Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of **Fully Automated Test System for Testing of Electric Motors using Regenerative Type Dynamometer.**

TENDER SCHEDULE
Tender Notice No: SLPP/ATSEM-EQPT/2024-25/002

Approx. Estimated Value of Tender	**Rs. 400 Lakhs**
Date of Tender Document Sales Start	**27.07.2024 (9.00 A.M)**
Date of Tender Document Sales Close	**10.08.2024 (5.00 P.M)**
Last Date for Submission of Tender	**12.08.2024 (10.00 A.M)**
Date of Opening of Techno Commercial Bid	**12.08.2024 (11.00 A.M)**
Date of Pre-Bid Meeting	**31.07.2024 (11.00 A.M)**

Intends to select a firm for the supply of above said item based on the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) process described in detail by the SITARC in the tender document available on the **websites:www.sitarc.com and www.tendersontime.com (under the Tenders Categories – Free Tenders).** The tender may be cancelled, withdrawn or postponed at any time by SITARC without assigning any reason.

Director, SITARC

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ए आर सी आई ARCI

वि.सं.एआरसीआई / एचआरडी / सीधी / 2 / 2024 **Advt. No. ARCI/HRD/RECT/2/2024**

Recruitment of Administrative and Technical Staff

एआरसीआई, हैदराबाद सीधी भर्ती के आधार पर निम्नलिखित पदों को भरने के लिए ऑनलाइन आवेदन आमंत्रित करता है:
ARCI, Hyderabad invites online applications to fill-in the following posts on Direct Recruitment Basis:

Name of the post with details	Essential Qualifications & Experience
1. **सहायक 'ए' / Assistant "A"** पदों की सं. / No. of posts : 5 वेतन स्तर / Pay level : 5 आयु / Age: 28 years आरक्षण / Reservation (UR-3;OBC-1,EWS-1)	स्नातक की डिग्री के साथ सरकारी कार्यालयों में प्रशासन / मानव संसाधन / वित्त / भंडार / सचिवालय कार्यों में 3 वर्ष के अनुभव। Bachelor's degree with 3 years experience in Government Departments in Admin./HR/ Finance/Stores/Secretariat works.
2. **तकनीकी सहायक 'ए' / Technical Assistant "A"** पदों की सं. / No. of posts: 7 वेतन स्तर / Pay level: 6 आयु / Age: 30 years आरक्षण / Reservation (UR-4;OBC-1,SC-1, EWS-1)	बीएससी (रसायन विज्ञान) या सिविल / मैकेनिकल / धातुकर्म में 3 वर्ष का पूर्णकालिक डिप्लोमा। B.Sc. (Chemistry) or 3 years full time Diploma in Civil/Mechanical/ Metallurgy.
3. **तकनीशियन / Technician "A"** पदों की सं. / No. of posts: 3 वेतन स्तर / Pay level: 4 आयु / Age: 28 years आरक्षण / Reservation (UR-1;OBC-1,EWS-1)	मैट्रिक / 10वीं / एसएससी के साथ वेल्डर / टर्नर / इलेक्ट्रीशियन ट्रेड में 2 वर्ष का पूर्णकालिक आईटीआई और उद्योग / आर एंड डी प्रयोगशालाओं में तीन (3) वर्ष का तकनीकी अनुभव। Matriculation/10th/SSC plus 2 years full time ITI in Welder/Turner/ Electrician trade and three (3) years technical experience in Industry/R&D laboratories

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Last Date for submission of online application: 26/08/2024

INBRIEF

Stokes backs Wood to break 100mph barrier in Tests

England captain Ben Stokes believes Mark Wood can become the first bowler to clock in excess of 100mph during a Test match following his Durham team-mate's thrilling display at Trent Bridge where he hit a top speed of 97.1mph. "He seems to be getting closer to that (100mph mark)."

LIVE TELECAST

Olympics 2024: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & JioCinema App, 11 a.m. onwards

England vs West Indies: Third Test, day 2, Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 3.30 p.m.

Football: Durand Cup, Sony LIV, 6 p.m.

Sri Lanka vs India: 1st T20I, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 p.m.

Formula One: Belgian GP, Qualifying, F1 TV, F1 TV Pro App & FanCode, 7.30 p.m.

Verstappen faces 10-place grid penalty at Belgian GP

Red Bull fits a fifth internal combustion engine to his car, in addition to the four permitted; the sanction comes as no surprise to the world champion who already hinted at the setback

FORMULA ONE

Agence France-Presse
SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS

Reigning Formula One world champion Max Verstappen was handed a 10-place grid penalty at the Belgian Grand Prix on Friday after making an engine change.

Red Bull fitted a fifth internal combustion engine to Verstappen's car, in addition to the four permitted per season. This change will earn him a penalty on the starting grid of the GP, as per the rules in force.

Red Bull made the move after three races without a win.

One too many: Verstappen will face a 10-place grid penalty. AP

The sanction came as no surprise for Verstappen, who said to the press on Thursday that it was likely he would face punishment.

"Some tracks naturally are a bit better than others (to incur this penalty). Of course, on a street circuit, you wouldn't want to have an engine penalty.

"So, yeah, most likely it will be here," the 26-year-old said on Thursday.

Verstappen is looking for a fourth-consecutive win at Belgium's famous Spa race course on Sunday.

However, he has tempered his expectations for this year.

"If you look at our last few races where we haven't particularly been the fastest, I wouldn't say that with 10 places extra we have a chance of winning. But, again, a race can always be turned upside down with moments," said Verstappen.

In the overall championship standings, Verstappen has a 76-point lead over his closest challenger, Lando Norris of McLaren.

Madam Rich for feature

BENGALURU: Madam Rich, who has been well-prepared, is expected to score in the Sir M. Visvesvaraya Memorial Trophy (1,600m), the main event of the races to be held here on Saturday (July 27).
False rails (width about 8m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 UDHAGAMANDALAM PLATE (Div. II), (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 2.00 p.m.: 1. Amusing (5) B. Nayak 56, 2. Enjoyable (3) J. Chinoy 56, 3. IL Volo (8) Shreyas S 56, 4. Noble Cause (7) D. Patel 56, 5. Glaze (4) Kiran Rai 54.5, 6. Katsu (2) Darshan 54.5, 7. Liv In The Mist (1) Dhanu S 54.5 and 8. Only Dreams (6) Sandesh 54.5.
1. LIV IN THE MIST, 2. ONLY DREAMS, 3. IL VOLO

2 AUREOLE TIME PLATE (1,400m), rated 00 to 25, 2.30: 1. Alacero (8) Arvind K 62.5, 2. Cat Whiskers (9) Sandesh 62, 3. Princess Gold (7) Ikram Ahmed 62, 4. Friya (1) Dhanu S 60, 5. Tankinika (2) Jagadeesh 60, 6. Southern Warrior (3) Rayan 59.5, 7. Sunlit Path (5) B.R. Kumar 59.5, 8. Firefinch (6) M. Chandrashekar 58.5 and 9. Ice Storm (4) Kiran Rai 58.5.
1. CAT WHISKERS, 2. TANKINIKA, 3. FRIYA

3 UDHAGAMANDALAM PLATE (Div. I), (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 3.00: 1. Complete Package (1) Antony 56, 2. Continues (8) Darshan 56, 3. Dhanteras (6) Sai Kiran 56, 4. Don Carlos (3) Akshay K 56, 5. Dr Ash (7) L.A. Rozario 56, 6. Feeling Good (4) Faizan Khan 56, 7. Imperial Emperor (2) Vinod Shinde 56, 8. Iron King (9) G. Vivek 56 and 9. Priceless Prince (5) Suraj 56.
1. PRICELESS PRINCE, 2. DON CARLOS, 3. IRON KING

4 S.G. MADHUKAR MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 3.30: 1. King's Battalion (6) G. Vivek 60, 2. Bharat (2) Akshay K 56.5, 3. Persian Rock (1) Rayan 56, 4. Crosswater (7) Antony 54.5, 5. Aircraft (8) B.L. Paswan 54, 6. Lex Luthor (3) Saddam H 54, 7. Forest Fragrance (4) Sandesh 53.5 and 8. Super Marvella (5) Neeraj 50.
1. BHARAT, 2. KING'S BATTALION, 3. SUPER MARVELLA

5 SIR M. VISVESVARAYA MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,600m), rated 60 to 85, 4.00: 1. Madam Rich (3) Sandesh 60.5, 2. Irish Coffee (8) Darshan 58.5, 3. King Louis (1) S.J. Moulin 58.5, 4. Splendido (6) Antony 56, 5. West Brook (2) Akshay K 55.5, 6. Sierra Dela Plata (7) Neeraj 54, 7. Aquamatic (4) G. Vivek 53 and 8. Auspicious Queen (5) M. Rajesh K 52.
1. MADAM RICH, 2. WEST BROOK, 3. AUSPICIOUS QUEEN

6 ELITE FORCE PLATE (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 4.30: 1. Thewhisperquietly (2) Tousif 61.5, 2. Phoenomenon (7) Akshay K 59, 3. Bourbonaire (5) Suraj 58, 4. La Mcqueen (8) Antony 58, 5. Red Falcon (1) B.R. Kumar 56.5, 6. Ooh La La (6) P. Mani 55.5, 7. Makoto (9) Dhanu S 55, 8. Super Veloce (3) Sai Kiran 53.5 and 9. Baltimore (4) Vinod Shinde 51.5.
1. BOURBONAIRE, 2. LA MCQUEEN, 3. MAKOTO

7 STAR CONTENDER PLATE (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 5.00: 1. Southern Force (3) Neeraj 62.5, 2. Memorable Time (2) Koshi K 61.5, 3. Ultimate Striker (7) Faizan Khan 61.5, 4. Star Admiral (1) Sandesh 60.5, 5. Lauterbrunnen (6) Kiran Rai 59.5, 6. The Athabasca (4) Sai Kiran 58, 7. Peridot (5) B.R. Kumar 54, 8. Lady Invictus (10) S.K. Paswan 53.5, 9. Benzema (8) Shreyas S 51.5 and 10. Lady Godiva (9) R. Girish 50.5.
1. STAR ADMIRAL, 2. THE ATHABASCA, 3. SOUTHERN FORCE
Day's best: **MADAM RICH**
Double: **BHARAT - BOURBONAIRE**
Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.

Sportstar Assistant Editor Aravind passes away

Sports Bureau

V.S. Aravind, *Sportstar's* Assistant Editor in Hyderabad, passed away at a hospital in Bhubaneswar late on Thursday after a brief illness. He was 36 and survived by his parents and younger brother.

With more than 13 years of experience in the industry, Aravind started his career with an English daily newspaper in Bhubaneswar.

He worked with Sify's sports team in 2018 before joining *Sportstar* where he spent three years before a small stint with a television network in New Delhi.

A few years ago, Aravind battled cancer, but his indomitable spirit ensured that he was back in the press box, reporting on his favourite sport, cricket.

Shastri expects Gambhir to do well

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Former India coach Ravi Shastri expects Gautam Gambhir to flourish in his new role as head coach, saying he is a "contemporary" mentor who has taken over the reigns of a relatively "mature and settled" team. Shastri believes the 42-year-old Gambhir can make an immediate impact in his new role as he is already close to the team, having played with and mentored quite a few players.

The former left-handed opener served as a team mentor for Lucknow Super Giants and Kolkata Knight Riders in the IPL.

"He's (Gambhir) contemporary, just had a great season in the IPL. I think he's the right age and come with fresh ideas. He knows most of the players, especially in the white-ball format. So I think it's refreshing," Shastri said.

BENGALURU ROUND UP

Nithin scores a brace in AGORC's win

Nithin Thimmaiah scored a brace as AGORC beat Postal 4-2 in the Hockey Karnataka League Championship here on Friday.

The results: Canara Bank 0 drew with SWR, Hubli 0; AGORC 4 (Jay Prakash 10, Nithin Thimmaiah 13, 17, Trishul Ganapathy 49) bt Postal 2 (H.T. Ramesh 10, Sanjeev Bellari 50).

Two bronze for Aakash

Karnataka's K.J. Aakash bagged two bronze medals in U-19 boys' singles and mixed doubles categories at the WTT Youth Contender held in Amman, Jordan recently.

In singles, Aakash lost his semifinal to Chinese Taipei's Hung Jing Kai 8-11, 7-11, 9-11 while in mixed doubles (partner Harder Patel) the loss was to compatriots Priyanuj Bhattacharya and Kavya Bhatt 11-8, 10-12, 7-11, 8-11.

Kemp edges out Matru Pratishthan

Khushbu Saroj scored a 79th minute winner as Kemp FC edged out Maatru Pratishthan FC 3-2 in the Karnataka Women's League football here on Friday.

The results:
Misaka United FC 2 (Marion Jones 40, 81) bt Roots FC 0; Kemp FC 3 (Vyasa Puram Nandini 7, Priyadarshini 39, Khushbu Saroj 79) bt Maatru Pratishthan FC 2 (Preeti 48, D. Janani 58).

It's Harshad vs. Dhyan

Harshad Shadish will meet Dhyan Santosh in the U-17 boys singles final at the Yonex-Sunrise State-ranking badminton tournament being held here. The girls' final will be between Lakshya Rajesh and Disha Santosh.

The results (semifinals): Boys: Harshad Shadish bt Pradyot Ravi 21-10, 23-25, 21-5; Dhyan Santosh bt Aarav Basak 21-18, 21-15.

Girls: Lakshya Rajesh bt Shaina Manimuthu 21-13, 18-21, 21-12; Disha Santosh bt Navya Kolluri 18-21, 21-12, 21-18.

Aakash claimed two bronze medals in U-19 boys' singles and mixed doubles categories at the WTT Youth Contender tournament.

Aldgate wins main event

BENGALURU: Arjun Mangalorkar trained Aldgate (Sandesh up) won the Krishnaraja Wadiyar Trophy, the feature event of the races held here on Friday (July 26).
The winner is owned by Mr. Haider Soomar, Mr. Rajan Aggarwal & Mr. Gautam Aggarwal.
THE RESULTS
1. CLASSICAL ACT PLATE: DEBONAIR (Rayan) 1, Princess Jasmine (Shreyas S) 2, Mega Success (Jagadeesh) 3 and Amazing Luck (P. Mani) 4. 2-1/2, 3-3/4 and 3/4. 1m 14.11s. Rs. 63 (w), 15, 18 and 12 (p), SHP: 52, THP: 47, FP: 1,394, Q: 293, Trinella: 1,979, Exacta: 23,548. Favourite: Golden Gallery.
Owner: Mr. Dayanand Kachuwah. Trainer: Faraz Arshad.
2. ROMANTIC DANCE STAKES: REGAL ARISTOCRACY (G. Vivek) 1, August (Antony) 2, Pharazon (Suraj) 3 and Sassy (Akshay K) 4. 2, 1-3/4 and 3-1/4. 1m 38.10s. Rs. 85 (w), 13, 13 and 10 (p), SHP: 31, THP: 37, FP: 305, Q: 193, Trinella: 914, Exacta: 1,538. Favourite: Pharazon.
Owners: Radiant Blood Stock Pvt Ltd rep by. James E. Mckeown, Mr. Girish Baliga & Mrs. P.J. Vazifdar. Trainer: Imtiaz Khan.
3. CHETTINAD STUD PLATE: KALLU SAKKARE (Sai Kiran) 1, Indian Blues (M. Rajesh K) 2, Aherne (Sandesh) 3 and Own Legacy (Rayan) 4. 1-3/4, 5-1/4 and 4-1/4. 1m 24.58s. Rs. 19 (w), 10, 46 and 16 (p), SHP: 189, THP: 44, FP: 531, Q: 1,233, Trinella: 3,570, Exacta: 16,992. Favourite: Kallu Sakkare.
Owner: Mr. S.T. Kalappa. Trainer: Warren Singh.
4. SPEAKER'S CUP: FINLEY (Suraj) 1, Silicon Star (Sai Kiran) 2, Stentorian (M. Prabhakaran) 3 and Days Date (L.A. Rozario) 4. 4-1/2, 4-1/2 and Snk. 1m 05.74s. Rs. 14 (w), 12, 10 and 31 (p), SHP: 27, THP: 71, FP: 55, Q: 36, Trinella: 501, Exacta: 1,890. Favourite: Finley.
Owners: Mr. Rama Seshu Eyunni & M/s. Blazing Saddles(PF). Trainer: S. Attaollahi.
5. KRISHNARAJA WADIYAR TROPHY: ALDGATE (Sandesh) 1, Yukan (J. Chinoy) 2, Priceless Gold (P. Siddaraju) 3 and Champions Way (Suraj) 4. 2-3/4, 1-1/4 and 4. 1m 11.48s. Rs. 19 (w), 14 and 26 (p), SHP: 32, THP: 41, FP: 184, Q: 73, Trinella: 998, Exacta: 1,712. Favourite: Champions Way.
Owners: Mr. Haider Soomar, Mr. Rajan Aggarwal & Mr. Gautam Aggarwal. Trainer: Arjun Mangalorkar.
6. PRINCE KHARTOUM PLATE: ANADALE (L.A. Rozario) 1, Measure Of Time (Rayan) 2, Smile Of Beauty (B. Nayak) 3 and Invincible (S.J. Moulin) 4. 2, 1 and 1-1/2. 1m 26.68s. Rs. 19 (w), 10, 16 and 35 (p), SHP: 38, THP: 75, FP: 76, Q: 60, Trinella: 793, Exacta: 1,530. Favourite: Anadale.
Owners: Mr. Rajan Aggarwal & Mr. Gautam Aggarwal. Trainer: Irfan Ghatala.
Jackpot: Rs. 1,368 (146 tkts); Runner-up: 274 (312 tkts); Treble (i): 3,299 (two tkts); (ii): 67 (224 tkts).